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GST MOP-UP RISES 12% YEAR-ON-YEAR TO ₹1.61 LAKH CRORE IN JUNE: GOVT DATA

The gross GST mop-up crossed ₹1.60 lakh crore mark for the fourth time since the indirect tax regime was rolled out six years ago in 2017

UP FROM ₹1.57 LAKH CRORE IN MAY

Of the ₹1,61,497 crore collected in June, ₹31,013 crore is Central GST, ₹38,292 crore is State GST, ₹80,292 crore is Integrated GST, and ₹11,900 crore is cess (including ₹1,028 crore collected on import of goods). The GST revenues touched a record high of ₹1.87 lakh crore in April. In May, it was down to ₹1.57 lakh crore. A rise in GST collection indicates growth in economic activity | **P13**

K'TAKA GROSS REVENUE GOES UP BY 27%

- The gross GST revenue collected in Karnataka in June 2013 went by 27 % compared to the corresponding month last year.
- According to the details, Karnataka's GST collection in June this year was Rs 11,193.20 crore, while it was Rs 8,844.88 crore in June 2022.

18%

YEAR-ON-YEAR RISE IN REVENUES FROM DOMESTIC TRANSACTIONS IN JUNE

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XPLAINER

Today's redesigned back page, themed *Xplainer*, gives you the lowdown on the Artemis Accords and the MQ-9B drone deal signed with the US recently. —Editor

Teesta gets SC relief from HC fiat to surrender

Top court's division bench was divided, so the matter went to three-member bench

SHRUTI KAKKAR & DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ New Delhi/ Ahmedabad

SOCIAL activist Teesta Setalvad late on Saturday night got some relief after a three-member special bench of the Supreme Court stayed for seven days a Gujarat High Court fiat directing her to surrender immediately in a criminal case related to the 2002 Gujarat riots.

Before that there was a lot of court room drama as a two-judge special bench of the SC had differed on granting her interim protection.

The matter then went to the three-judge special bench of the SC comprising B R Gawai, A S Bopanna and Dipankar Datta, which stayed the HC order.

In the division bench, Justice A S Oka expressed his intention to grant her protection by asking the state to place on record that no coercive action would be taken against her. However, Justice Prashant Kumar Mishra was reluctant. They then referred the matter to Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud, asking him to constitute a three-judge bench to hear bail plea.

"There is a disagreement between us on the question of grant of interim protection. So we request the Chief Justice to assign this matter to a larger bench," the bench said.

HC order

Gujarat High Court judge Nirzar Desai had directed petitioner Teesta Setalvad to surrender immediately

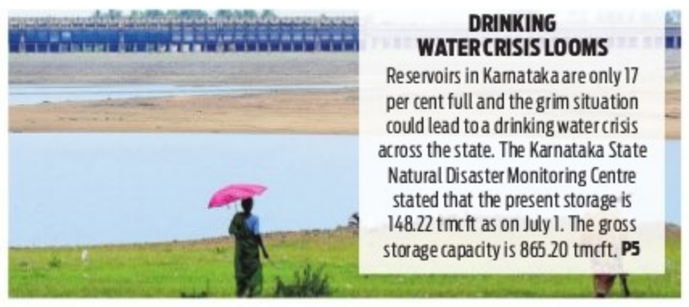
Justice Oka was of the view that the high court should have "given some breathing time" for her to surrender and for the matter to be placed before the top court.

The SC granted Teesta interim bail on Sept 2, 2022. Justice Oka said, "The court (HC) could have granted at least breathing time so that it could have been considered by the SC. Heavens won't fall if you say that you will not take any action until Tuesday."

Appearing for the Gujarat government, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta said Teesta was not entitled to interim protection since she took the system for a ride.

Low water level may start row with TN

K SHIVA KUMAR & DEVARAJ HIREHALLI @ Mysuru/Bengaluru



DRINKING WATER CRISIS LOOMS

Reservoirs in Karnataka are only 17 per cent full and the grim situation could lead to a drinking water crisis across the state. The Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre stated that the present storage is 148.22 tmcft as on July 1. The gross storage capacity is 865.20 tmcft. **P5**

WITH major reservoirs in the Cauvery basin hitting rock bottom and monsoon delayed for a few weeks, the Cauvery water-sharing dispute may come to the centre stage again. The Cauvery basin that received copious rains over the last five years has slipped into a grim situation with the combined storage of Kabini, Harangi, Hemavathi and KRS reservoirs at just 30.5 tmcft as against the capacity of 114 tmcft.

The situation may become alarming and add to worries of the new government if the Cauvery basin does not receive normal rain in the next couple of weeks. It could also hit drinking water supplies to Bengaluru, Mysuru, and other towns. Kodagu, which falls in the Cauvery catchment area, has received less than 50% rain as compared to last year and 75% deficit as compared to 2021 that does not bode well for both Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.

Deputy CM DK Shivakumar said in New Delhi on Friday that Karnataka is not in a position to release water to Tamil Nadu as there is not enough water in the dams in the Cauvery basin. On Saturday, he told reporters in Bengaluru, "We don't want to fight with Tamil Nadu as they are our brothers."

He said he has invited officials from the Centre, other states, especially Tamil Nadu, and the Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) for a meeting on the safety of dams on July 9 at the Krishna Raja Sagara (KRS) reservoir to have first-hand information about the situation.

"Last year, around 700 tmcft of water may have reached the sea. This year, even if Tamil Nadu insists on us to release water, there is not enough water. There is a scarcity of drinking water for us, with Bengaluru also facing the grim situation," he said. **P5**

CONG RAPS GOVT ON UCC

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

A Congress Parliamentary Strategy Group meeting chaired by UPA chairperson Sonia Gandhi here on Saturday reiterated the party's position that the 22nd Law Commission's decision to seek public opinion on a Uniform Civil Code (UCC) represents the government's desperation to continue with its agenda of polarisation and diversion from its failures.

The party will examine the issue after the government comes up with a UCC draft.

The meeting also discussed the key issues that will be taken up during the monsoon session of Parliament, which begins on July 20. Many leaders, including Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge, Shashi Tharoor, Digvijay Singh, Jairam Ramesh, Salman Khurshid and Pramod Tiwari attended the meeting.

"We stated our stand on UCC on June 15 after the Law Commission issued a public notice. When there is a draft or a discussion, we will participate and examine the issue. Right now, we only have the commission's notice," said Jairam Ramesh.

The meeting came ahead of a Standing Committee meeting of Law and Justice on July 3 to seek the views of the members of the Law Ministry, Law Commission, and other stakeholders on UCC. In its June 15 statement, the party said, "The real reason is that the 21st Law Commission after carrying out a detailed and comprehensive review of the subject observed that it is "neither necessary nor desirable at this stage" to have a UCC." said the statement.

While speculation is rife that the government may table the bill on UCC in the upcoming session, some of the Opposition parties like Uddhav's Shiv Sena and the Aam Aadmi Party are not on the same page. They have extended qualified support to it. The divergent positions of the opposition parties will be advantageous to BJP at a time when the parties are set to meet for the second time in Bengaluru on July 14.

Parliament Monsoon session from July 20

New Delhi: The Monsoon Session of Parliament will begin on July 20 and continue till August 11, said the government on Saturday. Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi said in a tweet that the session will be spread across 23 days and will have 17 sittings. He sought the cooperation of all political parties for the smooth functioning of the House.

Money for Anna Bhagya likely from July 10: CM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

CONFUSION continues as to when the state government will start depositing money into the accounts of beneficiaries of the Anna Bhagya scheme.

A day after Food and Civil Supplies Minister KH Muniyappa said the beneficiaries will start getting money from Saturday (July 1), Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Saturday clarified that they will "most likely" start depositing the money into beneficiaries' accounts from July 10.

A senior officer said they are working on the process. The state government recently decided to give Rs 34 per kg for additional 5 kg of rice from this month as it was unable to procure rice for the scheme. **P4**

3 children among 25 charred to death in Maha bus accident

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

AT least 25 people, including three children, were charred to death in sleep and eight others were injured after a private bus they were travelling in caught fire in Maharashtra's Buldhana district on Saturday, the police said.

The bus, carrying 33 passengers, was on its way from Nagpur to Pune when it hit a divider around 1.30 am near Sindkhedraja in Buldhana, the police said. The bus belonging to Vidarbha Travels had left Nagpur for Pune at 4 pm on Friday. It stopped at Karanja in Yavatmal district for dinner, police said.

As per preliminary reports, the bus hit a pole after a tyre burst, collided with a divider and caught fire, said Buldhana Superintendent of Police Sunil Kadasnet. "All the passengers were sleeping at the time of the accident," the SP said, adding that the injured, including the bus driver and its cleaner, survived the crash and came out through broken windows. The injured have been rushed to Buldhana Civic Hospital and their condition is stated to be stable, the SP said.

A passenger bus in flames after it overturned on the Samruddhi Expressway in Maharashtra's Buldhana district in the early hours of Saturday | PTI

There were two drivers in the bus. Kadasnet said one of them was sleeping. But the other, who was driving, may also have fallen asleep, resulting in the accident. The officer added that a probe is on.

Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde announced a compensation of ₹5 lakh to the families of the deceased. Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis said the bodies of the deceased were charred beyond recognition and said DNA tests would be conducted if the identities can't be established.

Expressing grief, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, "Deeply saddened by the devastating bus mishap in Buldhana, Maharashtra. My thoughts and prayers are with the families of those who lost their lives. May the injured recover soon. The local administration is providing all possible assistance to the affected. An ex-gratia of ₹2 lakh from Prime Minister's National Relief Fund would be given to the next of kin of those who lost their lives. ₹50,000 would be given to the injured."

NCP chief Sharad Pawar expressed grief and said the government should take immediate steps to prevent such accidents.

EXPRESS READ

SEP will replace NEP: Sudhakar

Bengaluru: Higher Education Minister Dr M C Sudhakar said Karnataka will go ahead with implementing a State Education Policy (SEP) to replace the National Education Policy. Sources said a committee will be formed to study NEP and suggest changes. **P5**

5 ISIS accused got tech training

Bengaluru: In its first supplementary chargesheet in the Shivamogga ISIS case, the NIA said five of the nine accused were "tasked by the foreign-based ISIS handler to pursue robotics courses, to pick up skills to carry out terrorist attacks" in India. **P5**

Do not pay E-way toll: Minister

Mysuru: Agriculture Minister N Chaluvarayaswamy criticised the Modi government over toll collection on Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway. "I have asked people not to pay toll on the E-way. I will support the protest at the toll plaza," he said. **P5**

Height, BMI gap between urban, rural kids narrowing

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi

CHILDREN from urban areas are globally known to be taller and heavier compared to their counterparts with rural backgrounds. But a latest study published in *Nature* shows that the trend is changing. The height and body mass index (BMI) difference is narrowing down considerably, and in rich countries, urban kids are even shorter than rural folks.

The change was spotted after an analysis of comprehensive data involving 71 million participants.

The study noted that in 1990, urban adolescents (aged 5-19 years) were much taller than kids from rural areas. This trend was consistent in 200 countries.

However, by 2020, most countries saw that being narrowed except in some rich nations where urban children were even shorter and weighed less.

The gap between rural and urban kids, especially boys, was greater in sub-Saharan Africa, South Asia, the Middle East and North Africa, said the study, 'Diminishing benefits of urban living for children and adolescents' growth and development.'

"Our results show that in much of the world, the growth and developmental advantages of living in cities have diminished in the twenty-first century, whereas in much of sub-Saharan Africa, they have amplified," the exhaustive study said.

However, in sub-Saharan Africa, South Asia and some countries in Oceania, the gap between urban and rural boys increased the most in the last three decades. The rural boys in these regions continue to be shorter and lighter. This is an exception from other countries where this gap has narrowed.

"From 1990 to 2020, the BMI of successive cohorts of children and adolescents in both urban and rural areas increased in all but a few mostly high-income countries (like Denmark, Italy and Spain)," it said, adding, "there was heterogeneity in low-income and middle-income countries in how much the BMI increased in cities compared with rural areas.

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• Gulikakala: 03:00 pm to 04:30 pm • Yamaganda: 12:00 pm to 01:30 pm

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A starry affair

Niranjan Khanagoudra of Kannur in Haveri district is founder of Interstellar Astro Farm, an initiative for sky gazing, which is gaining popularity among skywatchers

AMIT S UPADHYE
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AS the sun goes down over Kannur, a dazzling spread of sparking stars covers the otherwise pitch-dark sky over a tiny hamlet in Haveri district. Located in the jungle patches of the lush green Western Ghats and away from any kind of urban interference, Kannur is a perfect destination in the state to gaze at stars.

Cashing in on this is Niranjan Khanagoudra, a 27-year-old youth, who has set up a sky gazing centre — Interstellar Astro Farm at Kannur, where visitors sit all night watching and learning about stars, planets, meteors, galaxies, and everything that makes up the night sky. The first-of-its-kind facility in North Karnataka has already become popular, attracting visitors from across the state.

Niranjan, who has completed his MSc in astrophysics from Hyderabad's Osmania University, owns a 60-acre ancestral land in Kannur, where he and his family are engaged in farming. But he also did not want to let go of his passion for studying the night sky, and voila, the idea of Interstellar Astro Farm was born.

Kannur falls in the night Bottle 2 sky-level category which makes it best suited for stargazing. The skies in Ladakh fall in the category Bottle 1 and metros like Bengaluru come under the Bottle 8-9 category.

Niranjan has set up eight large telescopes for visitors to view the sky. Visitors are just charged only for food and accommodation.

"We serve snacks and dinner for visitors. The farm also includes an archery and air gun shooting site. Tents are provided for visitors and before they depart the next day, breakfast too is given. Barring a few weeks during the monsoon, the view of the clear night sky is great from the village. There is no light pollution and this makes it an apt location to spot stars. Both night and the early morning skies are different. We insist that visitors spend more time here and enjoy what the night sky offers," Niranjan added.

Experts and photographers regularly visit the astro farm to document galaxies and other spatial objects.

"Sky gazing is a very common hobby abroad. However, in India, especially in Karnataka, it is yet to pick up. Also, light pollution is a big setback in most Indian cities and towns," he adds.

Niranjan now plans to introduce sky gazing for school and college students of Haveri district in October.

For first-time sky grazers, Niranjan's facility is an unforgettable experience. "Watching the galaxies through high-definition telescopes is one thing I will remember forever. The idea is unique and we had a great time learning not just about stars and planets, but also different farming techniques and equipment," said a visitor.

Amruth Joshi, a travel writer from Hubballi, said the idea of generating local employment must be popularised. "There are many local talents who make it big elsewhere. But Niranjan has decided to settle down in this village and also generate employment for the village folk. It's a unique tourism startup and the government must support such ideas," he said.niques and equipment," said a visitor.

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— Niranjan Khanagoudra

Visitors watch the night sky at Interstellar Astro Farm in Kannur village of Haveri district

Several NGOs are striving to revive the unique Udupi sarees that are woven in handlooms, by training people to become weavers

SAVING SAREES

PRAKASH SAMAGA @Udupi

SAREES are as precious as gold to Indian women. Colourful sarees are worn not just for traditional occasions, but also significant events. In most cases, they are the most-valued possessions.

Udupi sarees stand out amid a heap of varieties as they are woven in handlooms. They are not just gorgeous textiles, but also tell a story about the region's history and culture. Udupi sarees started being woven around 150 years ago from the Malabar Frame Looms, introduced by the Basel Mission of Germany. They are woven using fine 40, 60 and 80-count single-ply combed cotton yarns, making them durable.

But with the advent of power looms in the 1980s, the number of weavers declined. Their plight was compounded by a lack of support from people and customers moving to other kinds of sarees, damaging the fame and market prospects of the sarees.

Now, sarees are again back in fashion, with various NGOs working to revive the artform in Udupi and Dakshina Kannada districts, rekindling the hopes of Udupi weavers that the demand for their products would surge.

The NGOs believe that if the youth are trained in using handlooms, Udupi sarees can be resurrected. The Udupi District Primary Weavers' Services Cooperative Societies and Padmashali Nekara Prathistana, Udupi, with the help from the National Rural Livelihood Mission, started training a batch of 25 members in March this year at the district resource centre in Rajathadri, Manipal.

With three months of training to go, the trainees are confident they will take up the job. The Prathistana has sourced six handlooms from in and around Udupi for training.

Jayalakshmi, from Udupi, a trainee, told The New Sunday Express that she had no idea how to operate a handloom, but after undergoing training, she has learnt it to an extent. "I will operate handlooms as my livelihood," she added.

Manjunath, a weaver from Brahmavara, said his daughter and daughter-in-law are undergoing training. "I have been operating handlooms for over 40 years, and weave Udupi sarees. I am happy that two members of my family are taking the legacy forward," he said.

Most trainees come from families who have no experience in operating a handloom, but they are confident that they will be able to learn the skills. The trainees also receive a stipend of Rs 10,000 per month and Rs 2,000 as bus fare, provided by the Padmashali Nekara Prathistana.

Prathistana president Rathnakar Indrali said three more batches, with 25 members each, will be trained by the year-end, which will take the total number of trained weavers to 100. "There were about 1,500 handloom weavers in Udupi district 20 years ago. Low income, lack of value addition and support for their products, and the next generation choosing a different profession have led to their numbers plummeting. So, we decided to organise training programmes to revive the tradition," he said.

Formed in 2018, the Kadike Trust, Karkala was at the vanguard of reviving Udupi sarees. First, the sarees began to be sold with an attractive logo, consisting of the name and picture of the weaver.

The initiative helped the sarees gain back some market space. Trust president Mamatha Rai said they organises several awareness and training programmes. The Talipady Primary Weavers Service Cooperative Society Ltd, Kinnigoli, became the first authorised user of the GI tag for Udupi sarees in 2020.

Four more societies -- Padupanambur Primary Weavers Service Cooperative Society Ltd, Haleyangady; Udupi Primary Weavers Service Cooperative Society Ltd, Udupi; Shivalli Primary Weavers Service Cooperative Society Ltd, Adi-Udupi, and Brahmavara Primary Weavers Service Cooperative Society Ltd, Brahmavara -- obtained the GI authorisation certificates last year.

The trust made enormous efforts to ensure that the GI tag authorisation is obtained by these societies.

It was important to give the weavers better remuneration and recognition. The trust has honoured weavers on various occasions, and also conducts training programmes for budding weavers, with financial assistance from the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development.

The result is evident. Many young weavers are entering the profession for the first time in two decades, she said.

Udupi sarees have a history of over 150 years, which was lost to the advent of power looms in the 1980s

Kadike Trust rescued the tradition from extinction. A survey by the trust in 2017 revealed only 42 weavers were making Udupi sarees in Udupi and Dakshina Kannada district

Young weavers are now showing interest to enter the profession

Trainees learning to weave Udupi sarees at the district resource centre Manipal

Fancy number plate auction on Wednesday

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IN line with with Rule 46 (AA) of the Karnataka Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989, the Transport Department has invited applications for the allotment of fancy registration numbers for light motor vehicles (cars, jeeps etc.) between 1 and 9999.

The auction will be held at the Transport Commissioner's Office, Shantinagar, for the series 'KA 53/ML' (K R Puram RTO) at 12 noon on Wednesday.

Those interested can submit an application along with a demand draft for Rs 75,000 drawn in the name of the Secretary, State Transport Authority, Bengaluru, (except DD obtained from co-operative banks) with receipt, before 12 noon on Wednesday.

The successful bidder has to pay the total bid amount in the form of DD within two working days and get a vehicle registered within 90 days, failing which the bidding amount will be forfeited by the government and the bidding process will be repeated for re-allocation.

Authority to be set up to look into issues of apartments

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BENGALURU Development Minister D K Shivakumar has assured the Bengaluru Apartment Federation (BAF) that a competent authority will be set up to look into issues faced by and demands of apartment dwellers. On Saturday, the minister held a meeting with representatives of BAF and received a memorandum from them.

"We had a meeting with Congress leaders prior to the Assembly election and a courtesy meeting was held today (Saturday) to remind the deputy chief minister about promises they had made. This was especially to highlight our key demands like making an amendment to the Karnataka Apartment Ownership Act 1972," said Vikram Rai, general secretary, BAF.

Rai said following the meeting, a letter was personally written by the deputy chief minister assuring them that authorities concerned will be instructed to act on the promises. "We were told that a competent authority will also be set up and, based on my knowledge, an IAS cadre officer will head it. The minister said that the committee will look into the issues and implement whatever is required," said Rai.

The BAF wants the minister to intervene in matters related to builders delaying projects. It also wants the government ensure that builder obligations to deliver fully completed and compliant projects are followed as well as ensure that grievance redressal systems of the Karnataka Real Estate Regulatory Authority (KRERA) work effectively to support handling and solving of grievances in a timely manner.

The representatives also said the first meeting with the minister saw positive outcomes and hoped that steps will be taken in the right direction in solving issues of apartment dwellers.

Bengaluru Development Minister DK Shivakumar holds a meeting with representatives of Bengaluru Apartment Federation on Saturday | EXPRESS

EXPRESS READ

Feedback date for Brand Bengaluru now till July 15

Bengaluru: The deadline set by Bengaluru Development Minister D K Shivakumar to receive feedback from the general public for the Brand Bengaluru initiative has been extended till July 15. The earlier deadline ended on June 30, but following overwhelming response, the minister has now extended it. People can send their views and suggestions to the dedicated website www.brandbengaluru.karnataka.gov.in **ENS**

K'tata students to face-off for RBI quiz on July 5

Bengaluru: To boost financial literacy in government schools, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is conducting a national-level quiz competition for students, with the state-level event taking place in Bengaluru on Wednesday. RBI is collaborating with school education departments across the country to host the competitions. The quizzes will be on economic system of India, banking practices and on the G20 presidency. The quizzes focus on financial literacy, budgeting, fin-tech and other related topics. The Department of School Education and Literacy has hosted several rounds at the block- and district- level. Students from government-run schools across the state are currently taking part in the quiz competitions. While all stages of the quiz are currently online, students who make it to the state level will be brought to Bengaluru, where they will participate face-to-face. **ENS**

MONEY STREAMS

Bus corporations explore options to boost revenue

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ALL the four state-run bus corporations — Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC), Kalyana Karnataka Road Transport Corporation (KKRTC), North West Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (NWKRTC) and Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) — have been tasked to mop-up their revenue.

Identifying lands that can be given on rent to petrol bunks, improving cargo services of KSRTC, and inducting premier buses to compete with private players are some of the measures all bus corporations are taking to improve the revenue.

"Consent has been given for 10 petrol bunk outlets of Bharath Petroleum Corporation Limited and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited, which were selected through tender. Through a new tender process, steps are being taken to select 36 more petrol bunks in the lands owned by KSRTC," a KSRTC official said.

Also, KSRTC, which had generated around Rs 10 crore in 2022 from its cargo service, has held talks with private airlines. "We have been given 20 trucks that can carry up to six tonnes which will be added to Namma Cargo Logistic scheme. Along with this, we are identifying clusters where we can offer our cargo services," the official said.

Employee-friendly initiates are also being taken and KSRTC has granted special leave for a maximum period of six months to those who undergo chemotherapy and radiotherapy treatments.

BMTC has also relaxed the criteria to get the gold and silver medal and increased the monthly allowance. It is also planning to provide additional insurance packages to dependents of employees who die during accidents or sustain injuries.

The body of a 37-year-old truck driver, who was missing for 25 days, was found hanging from a tree in a decomposed state on Friday evening at the Hindu cemetery in Holalkere, Chitradurga district. The driver has been identified as KB Basavantakumar from Kattigehalli village of Jagaluru taluk in Davanagere district

MAN LOSES ₹10K TO ONLINE SEXTORTION RACKET

The private firm employee was lured by accused women, who began blackmailing him, before he approached police

PRAVEEN KUMAR @Bengaluru

A 38-year-old private firm employee is cursing his luck for losing Rs 10,000 over a 10-minute chat with a woman in an online live sex chat room. The accused, identified as Kajal, lured the victim and undressed during the chat. She had managed to get all the contact details of the victim by enticing him, before disconnecting the call.

After some time, she called him again and demanded money, failing which she threatened to upload the video on Facebook and other social media platforms. The accused was blackmailed for almost 12 hours and was made to send money to the account numbers given by her. When the demand kept increasing, he approached the Bellandur police of the Whitefield division and filed a complaint against her. The act of the accused amounts to sextortion.

The victim resides at a PG accommodation in Bellandur. He started chatting from 11 pm on Wednesday and became the victim of sextortion. The accused then blackmailed him till 11 am the next day. The accused also gave her WhatsApp number to the victim and asked him to come on a WhatsApp video call. Here again, during the conversation, she undressed and was recording without the notice of the other. She also reportedly sent the video recordings to his WhatsApp to scare him further.

The man has reportedly made two UPI transactions to another mobile number given by her. In the first, he has paid Rs 2,000, while in the second, he has paid Rs 8,000.

"When the accused demanded for another Rs 80,000, the victim refused to pay and approached us. Both the mobile phone numbers of the accused have been obtained. In such cases, the accused would have obtained the SIM cards illegally and it would be difficult to trace them. One should be careful while chatting with an unknown person. The victim has filed the complaint on Thursday," said an officer.

A case of extortion (IPC Section 384) and also under a Section of the Information Technology Act, 2000, have been registered against the unidentified woman.

"The modus operandi of the accused is to target victims who are subscribers of such websites or apps. Nude pictures are posted in the app to lure victims. After taking them into confidence, they extort money," the officer added.

Tweet fixes traffic, parking issues near pubs on JP Nagar ORR

LISHA C JAIN @Bengaluru

A JP Nagar resident took to Twitter to complain about vehicles being parked on the Outer Ring Road and the footpaths in the area in order to visit pubs.

The person tagged DCP (South Traffic) Sujeetha Salman, following which immediate action was taken to clear the roads and footpaths by uploading the pictures of the vehicles parked in no-parking zones. The Jayanagar traffic police are also sending challans to the vehicle owners.

In their reply to the tweet, the Jayanagar traffic police retweeted about the action taken against the traffic violators. Additional Director General of Police (Traffic and Road Safety) Alok Kumar also retweeted, appreciating the Jayanagar traffic police

After Shreyas G Belavadi, a JP Nagar resident, expressed his concern about wrongful parking on the main road in front of no-parking signs and footpaths, the Jayanagar traffic police station took action against these vehicle owners.

Speaking to TNSE, Sujeetha said, "During peak hours and non-peak hours, our police officers go around and engage in traffic clearance in especially busy areas. They get the owners' details through their databases, call them up and ask them to move their vehicles from the no-parking zones. If they cannot reach the owners, they send an e-challan by uploading their vehicle picture in the offense zone."

Jayanagar traffic police tweeted about the above incident taking place on the JP Nagar ORR and the response from the citizens was mixed, to say the least. While some of them were satisfied with this action, various other complainants used the reply section under the tweet to highlight their grievances.

One Twitter user complained about footpaths being used as a parking space for scooters on Marenahalli Road in Jayanagar 5th and 8th blocks. Other users mentioned other parts of Bengaluru like DVG Road and NR Colony Main Road facing similar issues.

Others spoke about how this issue will remain persistent in Bengaluru, as long as the penalty for such offenses is not made heavy.

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The service road near the Hebbal flyover is closed for the construction of an additional ramp, in Bengaluru on Saturday. Traffic snarls are expected near the flyover for the next 15 days, the Bengaluru Traffic Police have warned | EXPRESS

Farmer sets 28-year-old alcoholic son on fire

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UNABLE to bear the torture at the hands of his alcoholic son, a 58-year-old farmer allegedly murdered the former by setting him ablaze on Thursday night.

The accused has been identified as Jayaramaiah, a resident of Vanigarahalli, who is accused of murdering his son Adarsh (28). The victim, who was addicted to alcohol, was unemployed.

Adarsh lost his temper after his wife was allegedly beaten by the victim, resulting in her having to receive six stitches. Frustrated, Jayaramaiah went in search of his son at a bar which he frequented. He picked him up from there and has started beating him. After reaching home, the accused tied the hands and legs of his son and continued beating him. He then pulled his son to a nearby farmhouse, allegedly poured petrol on him and set him afire.

"Two years ago, Adarsh was put in a de-addiction centre. After returning home, he continued drinking and started displaying aggressive behaviour. He would scold his mother, if she refused to give him money to drink. The accused has been arrested," said an officer.

The Doddabelavangala police of the Bengaluru district police limits have registered a case of murder.

PONZI SCHEME

ED searches Hindustan Infracon

ENS @Bengaluru

THE ED carried out search operations on June 27 at five locations in Bengaluru and Mandya belonging to Hindustan Infracon India Ltd and related persons in a Ponzi scheme fraud case under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 (PMLA), stated the Central agency in a release on Saturday.

The ED had recorded a case of money laundering on the basis of an FIR registered by the Vijayanagar police station, under various sections of the IPC against the company and its promoters/directors for cheating the investors/common public of Rs 191.54 crore. "The investigation revealed that the promoters/directors of Hindustan Infracon India Ltd lured prospective investors by offering high interest rates on different schemes for their investment. However, the company did not return the deposit and interest due to the investors, thereby cheating them. The said company has collected around Rs 389 crore from about 7.18 lakh investors. However, they failed to return around Rs 199 crore to the investors," it added.

"The search operations resulted in the seizure of incriminating documents and records of cash transactions," the agency said.

Karnataka to screen 3 lakh tribals for sickle cell anaemia

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

To eliminate sickle cell anaemia in Karnataka, the health department is taking measures to screen three lakh people in tribal areas and create more awareness.

Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao participated in a meeting held by Prime Minister Narendra Modi towards taking measures for eradicating sickle cell anaemia. Following this, the minister convened state-level meeting to discuss measures needed to be taken and directed officials to screen three lakh tribal people in the coming days.

In alignment with the National Sickle Cell Elimination Mission with the target of eradicating the disease by 2047, launched by the prime minister on Saturday in Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka has been taking steps towards reducing incidence of such cases and provided trait genetic counselling to 2,480 beneficiaries.

Under the campaign launched in five districts -- Chamarajnagar, Mysuru, Chikkamagaluru and Mengaluru, 23,935 people were screened of which 342 were found positive for sickle cell anaemia. The government has provided unique disability identity (UDID) cards and 50 per cent discount to patients while travelling in public transports.

People screened

Chikkamagaluru	520
Dakshina Kannada	2,576
Chamarajnagar	4,007
Kodagu	9,931
Mysuru	3,135
Uttara Kannada	3,816
Total	23,935

What is sickle cell anaemia?

Sickle cell anaemia is a genetic disease. It results in an abnormality in the oxygen-carrying protein haemoglobin found in red blood cells, leading to a rigid, sickle-like shape under certain circumstances.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The undersigned advocate submit on behalf of my client Sri **Muthahanumaiah** Late Chikkamuthaiah, aged about 70 years, R/at # Kempegondanahalli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru Rural Dist. and others have filed the death petition for the death certificate of deceased by name **HANUMAKKA W/o. Late Chikkamuthaiah, who was died on 12-03-2007** at Kempegondanahalli, Cholanayakanahalli Post, Bengaluru South Taluk, City. If any parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same or appear before the Hon'ble C.M.M. Court on 17/07/2023 at 11-00 AM in C.Misc. No.818/2023.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT
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INVITATION FOR NOMINATIONS: SUN PHARMA SCIENCE FOUNDATION RESEARCH & SCIENCE SCHOLAR AWARDS

Sun Pharma Science Foundation invites nominations for Research Awards and Science Scholar Awards for the year 2023 from July 01, 2023. The last date of receiving nomination is August 31, 2023. The Nomination procedures of both the awards are available at www.sunpharmasciencefoundation.net.

The Sun Pharma Science Foundation Research Awards are for excellence in original research work in Medical and Pharmaceutical Sciences, by Indian scientists working in India or abroad. There are three awards – one each in Medical Sciences-Basic Research, Medical Sciences-Clinical Research and Pharmaceutical Sciences. Each award carry a Trophy, Citation and a Cash Prize of Rs.250000/- (Rupees two lakh fifty thousand). To apply for Sun Pharma Research Awards, please visit https://www.sunpharmasciencefoundation.net/spsfn/ (open in chrome).

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TENDER NOTICE
Sealed Tenders are invited in two bid format (Technical & Financial) for **"ELECTRICAL AUDIT OF PREMISES OF BANK OF MAHARASHTRA IN BENGALURU ZONE"** from Certified Electrical Energy Auditor registered with Bureau of Energy Efficiency. The detailed tender notice, prescribed formats of application, eligibility criteria, scope of work, payment terms and other Terms and Conditions are stipulated in RFP which can be downloaded from bank website **www.bankofmaharashtra.in** under "Tender" section along with this tender advertisement.

Date of issue of Tender	03-07-2023
Last date of bid Submission	13-07-2023
Tender Opening date (Technical bid)	14-07-2023

The interested parties/ persons should submit their offers on the Bank's prescribed formats of **"Technical Bid"** and **"Commercial Bid"** respectively in two separate sealed envelopes super-scribing "Technical Bid" /"Commercial Bid" respectively upto **03.00 PM** on **13.07.2023** in the office of **Zonal Manager, Bank of Maharashtra, Zonal Office, Bengaluru, 15, Police Station road,, Basavangudi, Bengaluru-004.** The Bank reserves the right to cancel/reject any offer without assigning the reason thereof. For further details contact us at **gad_ban@mahabank.co.in, ritc_ban@mahabank.co.in** and phone number-(080)-46561226.
Date: 01.07.2023 Place: Bengaluru Sd/- Zonal Manager, Bengaluru

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Regional Office: 2254, "Kousalya", 3rd Floor, South Wing, Vinoba Road, Mysore - 570 005
Channapatna Branch
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POSSESSION NOTICE
(See Rule 8(1)Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002)
Where as, The Undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Union Bank of India, Channapatna Branch under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Sec 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 has caused a demand notice dated **29/12/2022** calling upon the borrower / Guarantor **(1) Sumithramma,** W/o Late Ranga Swamy, resident of No. 55-3, Chikkamaluru, Channapatna **(2) Mohan C R,** S/o Late Ranga Swamy, resident of No. 55-1, Chikkamaluru, Channapatna, **(3) Madhu C R,** S/o Late Ranga Swamy, resident of No. 55-3, Chikkamaluru, Channapatna, **(4) Saujanya,** D/o Late Ranga Swamy, resident of No. 55-2, Chikkamaluru, Channapatna to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 31,30,122.80 (Rupees Thirty One Lakhs Thirty Thousand One Hundred and Twenty Two, Paise Eighty)** together with the future interest till payment within 60days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The above Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower / Guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sec 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Act rule 2002, on this **27-06-2023**
The Borrowers/Guarantors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the Property will be subject to the Charge of **Union Bank of India, Channapatna Branch,** for an amount of **Rs. 31,30,122.80** interest and costs thereon.
The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13of the Act, in respect of time available to the borrower to redeem the secured assets.
Description of the immovable Property: 1. All that piece and parcel of 40 Ft x 17.5 ft residential property bearing municipal khata number 3245, door number 414 within the limits of Chikkamaluru, Channapatna Taluk, Ramanagara District owned by Sumithramma **bounded by:** East : property of Prabhu, West : Property of C G Venkatesh, South : Road, North : Property of Chikkaide Gowda.
2. All that piece and parcel of 20 Ft x 65 ft residential property bearing municipal khata number 3245, door number 414 within the limits of Chikkamaluru, Channapatna Taluk, Ramanagara District owned by Sumithramma **bounded by,** East : property of Chikkaide Gowda, West : Road, South : Property of C G Venkatesh, North :House of Sathyamma.
3. All that piece and parcel of 29 guntas of vacant site bearing Sy. No. 47/1, within the limits of Chikkamaluru Village, KasabaHobli, Channapatna Taluk, Ramanagara District **bounded by:** East : property of Sathish, West: property of Dase Gowda, South: Road, North: Government Kaluve
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Date: 27-06-2023 Sd/- Authorized Officer
Place: Channapatna Union Bank of India

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DEMAND NOTICE
Notice under Sec. 13 (2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002
Whereas at the request of you, (below mentioned borrowers/guarantors) **Indian Bank, Devanahalli Branch** has granted credit facilities from time to time by way of financial assistance against various assets creating security interest in favour of the Bank. The particulars of properties mortgaged by you by way of deposit of title deeds creating security interest in favour of the bank are mentioned here under. As you have failed to discharge the debt due to the Bank, the below mentioned loan accounts have been classified as Non performing Assets as per the guidelines issued by the **Reserve Bank of India.**
Name of the Borrower: 1. Mr A V Anandkumar, S/o. Veeranna Gowda, Chowtatimmanahalli Village, Gudibande Taluk, Chikkaballapura Taluk-561209. **Also at: Mr A V Anandkumar, S/o. Veeranna Gowda,** No-63, 4th Cross Vasanthapura Main Road, Kailasanagara Doddakallasandra, Bangalore-560062. **2. Mr Anjinappa, S/o. Munishammappa,** Sy.no.16/7(Old no.16/2) Agalagurki Village, Nandi Hobli, Chikkaballapura tk and District. **Date of NPA on 31/03/2023**
Outstanding Amount: Rs.4,61,54,854/- as on 26/06/2023 + Interest and Expenses thereon.
***Mortgaged Assets* : Property belonging to Mr Av Anandkumar : 1)** All that piece and parcel of agricultural land owned by **Mr. AV Anand Kumar** bearing SY no 5 and 6 totally measuring 8 acres and 39 guntas Gyadarahalli village, Ullodu village panchayath, Gudibande Chikkaballapura **bounded by:** East: Property belongs to SM Ishwara and GV Seetharam, West: Property belongs to GV Subba Rao and GV Subbarao and GV Venkata Rao, North: Kunte and Govt Karab and Narasimha's land, South: Ullodu Adireddy's land. **2) Property belonging to Mr Anjinappa :** All that piece and parcel of property owned by **Mr. M Anjinappa** bearing VP Khatha No.578 and 579 Sy.No.16/7 old no.16/2 totally measuring 9 guntas including Residential House and Agricultural land situated at Agalagurki Nandi Hobli Chikkaballapura **bounded by:** East: Kuratti Ramaswamy's land, West: Property belongs to Veeranna Gowda, North: Burial ground, South: G Krishnappa land.
***Hypothecated Assets* :** Hypothecation of Building, Plant and Machinery, Poultry Equipment and other accessories situated at at Panchmukhi Breeder and poultry farm,Gyadarlahalli Village, Gudibande Taluk, Chikkaballapura District.
If you fail to repay the above mentioned amount due by you with future interest and incidental expenses, costs as stated above in terms of this notice under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, within 60 days from the date of this notice, the Bank will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under Sub-Section (4) of the Section 13 of SARFAESI Act and other applicable provisions of the said Act. This notice is without prejudice to the Bank's right to initiate such other actions or legal proceedings, as it deem necessary under any other Provisions of Law.
Date: 26.06.2023 Authorised Officer
Place: Devanahalli Indian Bank

SUN PHARMA SCIENCE FOUNDATION
INVITATION FOR NOMINATIONS: SUN PHARMA SCIENCE FOUNDATION CLINICAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP 2023
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Energy and Fuel Minister KJ George asked officials and legislators to prepare themselves to tackle natural calamities such as floods or droughts, however, however hoping for good rain in the state in the coming days. Speaking to reporters after a meeting, he said all should be prepared to face water scarcity in the event of scanty rain, and added that with the new government in office, a full-fledged KDP review meeting will be held after the session

'GOVT SCHEMES NOT HELPING MSMEs ON THE GROUND'

EXPRESS Dialogues

AS the state government is chalking out industrial policies and the central government is talking of Make in India, Karnataka Small Scale Industries Association president **Shashidhara Shetty**, in conversation with *The New Sunday Express*, said that little is done on ground to help the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) sector. Shetty spoke of the problems faced by MSMEs, their future and the expectations from the state government, especially with the revision in power tariff, during the post-Covid period

What is the current MSME scenario in Karnataka?
During Covid, MSMEs suffered quite a bit. All interest had diluted. Post the second lockdown, the situation is better. But with the RBI increasing the repo rate continuously, MSMEs are suffering. Banks are changing their loan rules. Today, it is 11% interest rate which was 8% two years ago. Around 95% of industries under the MSME sector are under the micro category, and hardly 20-25 people are employed under one entrepreneur. They need to be equipped with all facilities and digitalization. With raw material prices going up, investment in other facilities has been complex. MSMEs are facing the brunt of the state government's increase in power tariffs.

What is KASSIAs demand on power tariff hike?
The demand is that MSMEs, especially the micro industries, are at the mercy of large manufacturers. The majority of them are sub-contractors. Their contracts are set in April, for a year or two. Now after the power hike, we cannot ask them to take a relook at the contract. Many micro units depend on one vendor and one supplier that will supply to one or two companies as MSMEs don't have the capacity to approach the customer directly.

Members of industry bodies, including KASSIA, met Chief Minister Siddaramaiah. What is the way out?
We did meet the CM and he was kind enough to hear us out. He said the only option was to file an appeal before the Appellate Tribunal. He said the government will represent them along with ESCOMs. We also requested KERC to reduce the per unit subsidy for industrial customers. We had also requested subsidies be passed on to industries as around 80-90% of MSMEs are operating out of rented buildings. Their RR numbers and other documents are in the name of owners, but it has been rejected by ESCOMs.

What is the percentage of industries that haven't reopened after Covid?
A maximum of 25% have been closed. But the government doesn't have the exact data, and these are rough estimates. The government says 5.65 lakh are small industries in the state, but nobody has the exact data.

How was employment affected during Covid in the MSME sector?
Lakhs of people lost their jobs during Covid and a majority of the migrant population who returned to their hometowns never returned. We are next only to agriculture in providing employment and contribute around 33 per cent to the national GDP. Now, people have started to prefer service jobs as they are better paying. Since most people in MSMEs perform laborious tasks, a large sum of money goes into training. We demanded stipend for trainees from the state government. But they clearly stated that their current financial position does not allow them to give any subsidy.

Has KASSIA demanded a survey?
Yes, we have but it costs money, a minimum of Rs 3-5 crore. We can conduct surveys and give them the data. But somebody needs to finance it. In KASSIA, we don't have any resources to take up surveys.

Where does Karnataka stand among other states in MSMEs? How do you compare with other states? What is Karnataka lacking?
Karnataka is like Gujarat and Maharashtra, falling within the 10th position. But financial health is very bad in Karnataka. The support system is not that good and MSMEs are suffering more in Karnataka. In Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, the government is helping with online and allotting land. Other states don't have it. The Tamil Nadu government allotted industrial lands with 50% discounts, post-Covid19. Such schemes do not exist here.

Is there a chance of companies that closed during the pandemic reopening?
No, once closed it is difficult to open because you know our mentality – we are proud and we don't want to declare insurance. When the company closes it is like a 4th-stage cancer. Revival will mean new funds, supplier dues and pending bank loans.

How difficult is it to get loans today, though there are schemes like Mudra and others to help women entrepreneurs?
There are multiple schemes like Mudra, but they are not very helpful. Banks are also doing business and they play safe. Bank rates are high, procedures are too long which is why people get fed up and do not avail of the facilities. For example, there are 6.67 crore MSMEs and only 1.67 crore have MSME certificates. This indicates that around 5 crore companies depend on outside facilities for funds.

Most small-scale industries fail to meet the deadline every month and pay high GST penalties. What's the way out?
To deal with penalties imposed on tax payments, enterprises end up borrowing from outside sources, get burdened and shut down after their cash credit limit gets exhausted. I have requested the development commissioner for MSMEs to make available credit facilities for raw material. Even if the government helps in buying bulk orders, it will be financially beneficial. Current schemes are also not of much use, with only 5-1o per cent making use of it.

There were also instances of banks attaching properties, entrepreneurs, and borrowed loans, in the same way, as a credit guarantee scheme.
In credit guarantee schemes, people do not end up attaching properties, instead they give collateral security and borrow loans. Once the account becomes NPA, banks try to take legal action and if it is impossible to recover, the property is seized. If properties are attached, the industry shuts down. That is why people are reluctant to avail benefits of such schemes. Now banks do not wait for 5-10 years, they attach a property within two years after becoming NPA.

What are the five major challenges faced by MSMEs and what are your expectations in the upcoming budget?
During the previous budgets, the government would take our opinion, but this time we have not been consulted. We are not expecting any favours as the government is struggling to meet the guarantees. We demand designated industrial areas with proper connectivity. Since 90% are situated in non-designated areas, it leads to issues in supply and vehicle movement due to improper road connectivity and poor road quality.

What are the challenges, apart from power tariff?
Of late, labour is a big problem as we are not getting quality labour. People are not preferring to work in MSMEs. Earlier, we depended on UP, Bihar and Odisha. But now they do not come as they have found better opportunities there. We are now depending on Northeastern states more. But they are not as skilled and the efficiency is also low which has increased the labour cost by 30%.

After Covid, is power the biggest blow to MSMEs?
Input cost and fuel hikes are the biggest issues, post-Covid the freight rates have become really high as many companies shut down. Once petrol prices or road tax increase, all companies increase their prices. The industry-friendly measures are only on paper and are not applicable on the ground.

Are more industries likely to close in the future?
There is a definite chance as these days people prefer higher paying jobs in other sectors like IT. Not even a single MSME is opening in a month except for a few hi-tech facilities. Except for IoT, electronics have come up, but no traditional industries have started. Even the government's 'Make in India' initiative has benefitted large-scale industries and new startups. Some are having honourable exits, while many have no other option but to shut down. If you look at the Peenya Industrial Area, which has more than 5,000 industries, only about 10 percent of the old players are in the business. Others have either sold the land allocated to them or have rented it out.

So the focus is more on bigger industries and attracting investments for them. Is that the reason the government is not protecting the interests of SMEs?
The government needs SMEs, like agriculture, as we can't mechanise completely and we do generate employment. But the government needs us only for the provision of employment but not for any other purpose. They don't understand our real problems and there is no focus on how to protect the industry.

Recently, the industries minister had a meeting to review pending cases related to KIADB litigation properties. How is the land allotment process for industries?
Today, you can't even get an acre of land directly allotted from KIADB. You should go through middlemen. The previous government made it mandatory that if it's more than two acres, the department has to give the approval. There are also other problems like litigation. You get the land allotted, but you can't enter the land as farmers fight stating that the land belongs to them. This is because the final notification is not issued. Some industrial areas also lack basic infrastructure, like roads.

Look beyond guarantees in budget

AS the government is focusing all its energies on the implementation of the guarantee schemes promised to the people in the run-up to the May 10 assembly polls, now all eyes are on the state budget on July 7 that will spell out its plans for mobilising resources.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, who holds the finance portfolio, is a veteran of 13 budgets. His 14th budget will undoubtedly be the toughest. It will test his political acumen and economic expertise as the challenge is to look beyond just mobilising resources for the implementation of guarantees. The government needs to allocate adequate funds for development works and create opportunities to move people from poor to middle class.

Some of the guarantee schemes may be good to help people in need and ameliorate their sufferings a bit. The government is justified in implementing them, but it also needs to focus on the big picture of the state's development. In the long run, it may become difficult to even sustain those schemes unless the state's finances are strong, and the focus is on overall development, and not just on populist policies.

Take, for example, the Shakti scheme that offers free travel for women in the state transport corporation buses. It helps women save money on commuting so they can use it for something more productive. To keep that scheme running and cater to a large number of people who depend on the state run-buses, the state needs strong and efficient transport corporations that keep pace with the reforms of their operations and fleet modernisation.

The government must invest in both — the Shakti scheme and strengthening the corporations. Similarly, we need efficient Electricity Supply Companies to run the free power scheme as well as to ensure that the power situation — crucial to attracting investments — is not impacted.

It is the same with the unemployment dole promised to graduates and diploma-holders and financial assistance to women heads of households. Agreed that both segments need assistance, and the government must help them, but at the same time, it should strive to generate employment opportunities and empower youth with skill sets required to get jobs or start their own enterprises. The unemployment dole in itself is not a solution. As for the scheme of providing financial assistance to women, the government needs to take measures to contain the rising prices of essential commodities if it is concerned about the burden on poor households.

It remains to be seen how Siddaramaiah will look at all these aspects in the budget that is likely to focus largely on the guarantees. The government requires Rs 59,000 crore a year to finance the guarantee schemes.

This will be a major chunk of the budget which is likely to increase by Rs 25,000 crore compared to the last budget to take it to a size of Rs 3.35 lakh crore. The CM too has admitted that the burden is more this year.

As the local bodies' elections are around the corner, and Lok Sabha polls are due early next year, the CM may make all attempts to embellish the budget in such a way that it appeals to all segments. The real impact — success or failure — of the guarantee schemes and other policies will be felt only after five to six years.

For now, the CM cannot afford to cut allocations for ongoing development projects, especially infrastructure projects, as Congress is trying to showcase Karnataka as its development model ahead of the assembly polls in other states and the 2024 Lok Sabha polls. Also, Congress that went hammer-and-tongs against the BJP government needs to come up with measures to help industries, especially small-scale industries that are badly hit by power tariff revision, irrigation and drinking water projects need to be implemented and the farm sector needs a push. Amid financial and political compulsions, it is to be seen how Siddaramaiah manages to come up with anything new in his budget.

Meanwhile, as the Opposition BJP and Janata Dal (Secular) try to put the government on the mat over delays in implementing the guarantees, the state legislature session, starting from Monday, is expected to witness uproarious scenes. In the run-up to the elections, many senior Congress leaders, including former AICC president Rahul Gandhi, had promised that all schemes will be implemented after the first cabinet meeting, immediately after coming to power. But that has not been done yet, although the government seems to be making efforts in that direction.

Politics aside, people of the state, who have given a massive mandate to Congress, expect the government to deliver. Just pointing fingers at BJP's failures is not enough. Hopefully, the budget will throw some light on the government's development plans.

BIG PROGRAMME

Govt has a/c details of 85% beneficiaries

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MONEY for the July quota will be given this month, the CM said. "We have not said we will give it from July 1 (Saturday)," he told the media. Minister KH Muniyappa had earlier said his department has all the details of beneficiaries and they will start getting money from July 1. It is a big programme and the process has already started, he added.

KH Muniyappa

Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar said they have account details of around 80-85% of beneficiaries, and the process is on to collect the details of the remaining beneficiaries. He said there is enough stock of rice with the Food Corporation of India, but they are not giving it to the state.

The chief minister and food and civil supplies minister are making all efforts to implement the scheme, he added.

Election of oppn leader: BSY, Joshi in Delhi today

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @ Bengaluru

WITH the BJP national leaders' visit to Karnataka to elect the party's leader of opposition in the Legislative Assembly being cancelled, state leaders, including former chief minister B S Yediyurappa and Union minister Pralhad Joshi, are scheduled to visit the national capital on Sunday.

They are likely to call on BJP national president J P Nadda, state election-in-charge Dharmendra Pradhan and state in-charge Arun Singh. According to sources, Yediyurappa will also have his say in who will become the leader of opposition, and by Sunday evening, the party high command is expected to take a decision as the budget session will start from Monday. But the BJP Legislature Party meeting is likely to take place on Monday at the party office after the Governor's address in the session.

Meanwhile, former CM Basavaraj Bommai and BJP state chief Nalinkumar Kateel held several rounds of talks with each other, with regard to electing the leader of opposition.

Veerashaiva Lingayat community leader Bommai, according to sources, has been a frontrunner for the coveted post of leader of opposition given his administrative experience, while also having succeeded Yediyurappa and preceded Siddaramaiah, as CM. "He has good experience to take on the ruling Congress government on various issues, including development, and he fits the bill with his balanced attitude," remarked a BJP leader. The party has no other senior leader who could fit the role, with other former chief ministers from the BJP are not anymore in the Assembly or one reason or the other. Yediyurappa quit electoral politics, Jagadish Shettar joined the Congress, and D V Sadananda Gowda is an MP. Senior leader and former union minister Basanagouda Patil Yatnal has also been in the race, but he not being a minister in the previous dispensation is a setback.

Basavaraj Bommai

PM opening incomplete expressway led to accidents, claims Parameshwara

Home Minister G Parameshwara holds a review meeting with senior police officers at the IGP's office in Mysuru on Saturday | UDAYASHANKAR S

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mysuru

HOME Minister G Parameshwara on Saturday claimed that Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurating the Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway before its completion, in order to gain political mileage during the Assembly elections, led to several people losing their lives in accidents on that major stretch.

Parameshwara, who was on a day's visit to Mysuru, along with his wife Kannika Parameshwari and other family members, visited Chamundeshwari Temple atop Chamundi Hills and offered special pujas to the deity and later visited the Mysuru Palace. Speaking to reporters on the Palace premises, he alleged that the expressway inauguration was done in haste by BJP for political gains. "ADGP Alok Kumar, who inspected the expressway, has listed the problems that need to be addressed. It was found that the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) failed to initiate any measures to regulate traffic, did not erect sighboards and failed to take necessary action to reduce the speed of vehicles. I will direct NHAI authorities to take up the work based on the findings of the ADGP," he stated.

Reacting to the commencement of e-way toll collection at Ganaganuru in Srirangapatna taluk from Saturday, Parameshwara said toll collection on national highways does not come under the state government's jurisdiction. "We have no control on the toll collection on the expressway. However, we will bring to the NHAI's notice that the project be completed first, before any toll is collected from vehicles. We will also write letters to reduce the toll to reduce the burden on travellers," he said.

"Modi should have inaugurated the road after the completion of the project," he added.

On the government's action to fill vacancies, he said that Congress has announced in its manifesto that 2.5 lakh vacancies in various government departments would be filled. "We have started the process. We will recruit 15,000 teachers for primary and high schools, around 4,000 police constables and 400 sub-inspectors in the first phase. With regard to the Auradkar Committee report, the previous Congress government led by CM Siddaramaiah had implemented most of the recommendations. In the coming days, we will try to fulfil other important issues like the rise in salary and other benefits," he said.

A man accused of killing his three-year-old daughter in Keonjhar district in Odisha was arrested by Crime Branch from Maharashtra after he evaded police for 10 years. The accused Prasant Sahani was absconding since August, 2013. His wife Pooja had lodged a complaint in Anandapur police station alleging he kidnapped their minor daughter on August 18 and killed her

Officials: State's reservoirs 17% full, drinking water crisis looms

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

WITH the state looking up to the rain gods to make up the deficit in monsoon, reservoirs in Karnataka are only 17-per cent full. State government officials said the grim situation could lead to a drinking water crisis across the state and it needs to be addressed immediately.

According to the Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre, the present storage is 148.22 tmcft as on July 1 as compared to 293.75 tmcft last year. The gross storage capacity is 865.20 tmcft.

Though IMD has forecast good rainfall for July, especially from July 3-7, officials in the water resources department and KSDMC say it will not address the drinking water situation completely. "The rain and the collection of water that was to happen in April and May will start in July. In fact, the situation was better in April-May. The coming rain will help address the problem only to a small extent and temporarily," said weathermen.

As per IMD data, the state as a whole has received a deficit of 52% rainfall, recording 100.1 mm rainfall, against the norm of 208.5 mm. Government sources admitted that reservoir

levels, if left untouched, are sufficient for the next 2-3 years. But now with the shortage in drinking water, the focus is on drawing water from the reservoirs, causing panic. "So, if the reservoir levels are fully utilised, there is water only for the next 30-35 days. There is higher stress as farmers too have to be supplied water, which is a priority," added a source.

An official said Karnataka is the second-most water deficit state. Despite this, the government and departments concerned have done little to address leakages in reservoirs and pipes. Rainwater harvesting and creation of pits for water storage in multiple locations, especially catchment areas, have not been done.

DKS: Will try to resolve dispute through talks

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THE Supreme Court's direction to constitute a tribunal might have come due to lack of understanding of the situation on the ground, Shivakumar said and added that they have to sit and talk to resolve the disputes. Tamil Nadu has raised objections to Bengaluru's treated sewage water of 500 tmcft being used to fill tanks in drought-hit Kolar and Chikkaballapur. They have approached the court demanding the constitution of a tribunal by July 5.

DKS in New Delhi called on Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and presented a memorandum, appealing him not to constitute the tribunal without exploring the possibility of resolving issues through negotiations. The lower riparian Tamil Nadu has raised a dispute against Karnataka regarding the South Pennar basin. The ministry had made a statement before SC, which eventually gave directions to constitute the tribunal.

Five of nine accused in Shivamogga ISIS case trained in tech to execute terror attacks: NIA

BALA CHAUHAN @Bengaluru

FIVE out of the nine accused in the Islamic State (ISIS) conspiracy case of Shivamogga district had been "tasked by the foreign based ISIS handler to pursue robotics courses, to pick up skills to carry terrorist attacks in the future to further IS agenda for India," stated the National Investigation Agency (NIA) in its first supplementary chargesheet against nine accused in the case, which was submitted on Friday.

In an official release on Saturday, the NIA stated that the "accused had conducted a trial IED blast in Shivamogga, besides conducting reconnaissance of multiple places and indulging in arson of properties and vehicles to spread terror and scare among the people, as part of an ISIS conspiracy, to carry out incidents of terror and violence in India and wage a war against India."The accused, who have been chargesheeted under UA(P) Act 1967, IPC and KS Prevention of Destruction and Loss of Property Act, 1981, have been identified as Mohamed Shariq (25), Maaz Muneer Ahmed (23), Syed Yasin (22), Reeshaan Thajuddin Sheikh (22), Huzair Farhan Baig (22), Mazin Abdul Rahman (22), Nadeem Ahmed K A (22), Zabiulla (32) and Nadeem Faizal N (27). All of them belong to Karnataka. Maaz and Yasin were earlier chargesheeted in March this year, and have now been charged with other offences.

Maaz, Yasin, Thajuddin Sheikh, Abdul Rahman and Nadeem are mechanical and electrical engineering students. "They were tasked by their foreign ISIS handler to pursue robotics courses and pick up skills to carry out terrorist attacks in India," the NIA stated in the charge sheet.

"The investigations have revealed that Shariq, Maaz and Yasin had hatched a criminal conspiracy, in connivance with an IS operatives based abroad, to promote terror and violence on the directions of IS, which is a banned terrorist outfit, in the region. The trio had actively radicalised and recruited the co-accused with the intention to disturb the national security, and unity and sovereignty of the country. Their online handler had funded the accused through crypto currencies, as per the NIA investigations in the case (RC-46/2022/NIA/DLI)," the NIA further mentioned in the legal document.

The case was initially registered by the Shivamogga rural police on September 19 last year, and was later taken over and re-registered by the NIA on November 15.

COMMITTEE TO LOOK INTO NEP IN HIGHER EDUCATION FOLLOWING ASSEMBLY SESSION

DONNA EVA @Bengaluru

WHILE textbooks at the school level are being revised completely in the state, the higher education sector too will see major changes in the coming year.

Higher Education Minister Dr MC Sudhakar confirmed that the state will reconsider the National Education Policy and implement a State Education Policy (SEP). The confirmation comes following meetings held with several stakeholders, including vice-chancellors, academics, educationists and student leaders.

Education dept sources told *TNIE* that the changes could come after the Assembly session, which will take place from July 3 to 14. "A committee, including educationists, academics and stakeholders, will be formed to look into NEP. If there are policies they agree with, those will remain intact, but if they suggest changes, those will be incorporated," they said. The committee will submit a report on the changes needed to the policy, following which the government would take a final call.As NEP hasn't been implemented at the school level, there will not be any changes in schools apart from textbook revisions.

Family aborts final rites of man alive

RAGHOTTAM KOPPAR @Gadag

FAMILY members of a man bitten by a snake were preparing for his final rites assuming he had died, were in for a shock when he revived.

The incident happened at Naragund taluk's Hirekoppa village Thursday after a drunk man was bitten by a snake and admitted to KIMS Hubballi.

Siddappa Balaganur, a resident of Hirekoppa and a daily wager, would tell villagers he had Garuda rekha on his palms and tried to catch the snake. Villagers said that Siddappa has caught many snakes before, but they were not venomous.

When a villager at Hirekoppa died Thursday morning, Siddappa was there during the bhajan, and heard there was a snake in the next house.

In an inebriated state, he went inside the house and tried to catch the snake. Despite warnings, Siddappa did not take precautions and held the snake with his bare hands. While he was showing the snake to the villagers, it bit him four times.

Don't pay toll on e-way, says minister

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Mysuru

AGRICULTURE Minister N Chaluvarayaswamy criticised the Prime Minister Narendra Modi government over toll collection on the Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway and stated that the Centre takes up projects from the tax amount collected by the states.

Speaking to reporters after visiting the Vokkaligara hostel at TK Layout here on Saturday, the minister alleged that the Union Government has disregarded the state government's opinion over toll collection on the expressway. "I have asked the people not to pay toll on the expressway. I will support the protest at the toll plaza, but will not directly participate in it. The Central government takes up projects from the tax money collected from states, but it failed to consider the opinion of the state government. We have no issues in the collection of toll, but toll collection must be done only after completing the project," he stated.

The minister said he will speak to the PWD official and also bring the issue to the notice of the CM. "We will soon find a solution to the toll collection, which has caused problems for people. Our MLAs have met the Chief Secretary in this regard," he said.

Special Court: Officers bungled Sowjanya rape-and-murder probe

YATHIRAJU @Bengaluru

THE Special Court for Children, which acquitted accused Santhosh Rao in connection with the rape and murder of 17-year-old Sowjanya in Dharmasthala, observed that the investigation was not conducted properly in the golden hour, and the doctor, who collected the vaginal swab of the victim, virtually demolished the entire case of the prosecution.

The court termed it a fit case to be placed before the acquittal committee to initiate action against the erring officials.

The case was initially registered in October 2012 and was investigated by the Belthangady police. In November 2013, it was handed over to the Special Crime Branch of the Central Bureau of Investigation, Chennai.

In the order dated June 16, Judge CB Santhosh noted that there were absolutely no evidence and circumstances to connect the accused to the crime. The prosecution failed to prove that the accused had committed the acts alleged against him beyond all reasonable doubt, the judge added, while directing that an order copy be placed before the District Legal Services Authority for payment of compensation to the victim's parents.

The judge said the evidence and opinion of the doctor in the autopsy report unerringly point to the fact that the victim's death was homicide and there was penetrative sexual assault. However, the material witnesses categorically deposed that the accused was nowhere connected with the alleged crime and has been falsely implicated, he said.

What prevented the investigation officer from calling a team of experts to find any clues such as hairs of the accused, footprints, clothes, struggle marks etc

Judge CB Santhosh

Even in the DNA report, there is no positive evidence against the accused. Neither seminal stains nor hair of the victim were found on the accused's clothes. Soil found in the articles seized and found in the vaginal swab are similar, but this was not found on the accused's clothes, he said.

"Surprisingly, nothing has been recovered from the place of occurrence. If at all the rape has occurred in the said place, what prevented the investigation officer from calling a team of experts to find any clues such as hairs of the accused, footprints, clothes, struggle marks etc... No last-seen theory has been set up by the prosecution and there is no material to hold that the accused single-handedly dragged the victim inside the bush and committed the offence, the judge said.

The judge also said when there is no clue from the investigation agency about the assailants, the expert report examining the vaginal swab would have been the best piece of evidence to connect the accused with the crime. The Forensic Science Laboratory evidence indicates that the vaginal swab was not properly collected and stored. Every doctor knows that the vaginal swab should be dried and packed but this was not done. The DNA result was inconclusive as the samples developed fungus, the judge said.

SPEEDING ON FOURS

A man balances on a bullock cart during a state-level bullock cart race in Chikkamagaluru on Saturday | KPN

Sudhakaran alleges CPM's political conspiracy

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STATE Congress president K Sudhakaran, who is also the Kannur MP, on Saturday, moved a breach of privilege notice before LS Speaker Om Birla against Crime Branch DySP Y Rustom, alleging that the officer was part of a political conspiracy hatched by the CPM to implicate him in the Monson Mavunkal case.

He also approached the Parliament's Ethics Committee, the state police chief and the Police Complaints Authority in this regard.

In his breach of privilege notice, Sudhakaran alleged that a false case was charged against him by Rustom as per the CPM's diktat. He termed it part of a political witch-hunt by the CPM to tarnish his image. The KPCC chief said it's evident from the complaint filed by Monson via Viyyur jail superintendent in the Ernakulam Pocso Court that he was being targeted.

"The conspiracy was hatched on June 17. Rustom had taken Monson Mavunkal in his vehicle. He had told the jail authorities that he took Monson because of the presence of the media contingent at the court. The DySP threatened Monson to come up with two false statements against me," said Sudhakaran.

In his notice, the Congress chief further alleged that Rustom had asked Monson to give a statement that Sudhakaran was present at the house when Monson sexually assaulted a minor girl.

In addition, Rustom wanted Monson to say that it was at the behest of Sudhakaran that Anoop, the complainant in the cheating case, gave ₹25 lakh to Monson.

"When Monson refused to do so, Rustom threatened to implicate him in another case and take him into custody. The police officers who had come for his escort are witnesses," added the Congress chief.

Ariyil Shukoor murder: Armed with new revelations, CPM targets Sudhakaran

T'Puram: The CPM leadership which has been consistently targeting state Congress president K Sudhakaran was handed an unexpected weapon with the latest revelations in the Ariyil Shukoor murder case. Determined to further corner Sudhakaran, CPM leaders P Jayarajan and M V Jayarajan have now demanded a reinvestigation into the murder of Muslim League worker Ariyil Shukoor in 2012, based on the revelations by Congress leader B R M Shafeer. Calling for a reprobe in the case, CPM state committee member P Jayarajan said he would take legal course of action. He also accused Sudhakaran of being part of a criminal conspiracy. "The information revealed by Shafeer once again proved Sudhakaran's links with the RSS. It proved that Sudhakaran had influenced the central agencies under the BJP government. The revelations have further proved that the CPM workers were trapped in the case.

HC directs Kalaburagi college to pay Rs 1 cr compensation to 10 students

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THE Karnataka High Court directed Mother Mary College of Nursing in Kalaburagi to pay Rs 1 crore as compensation to 10 students for the loss of one year as they were subjected to fraud. "The college has to financially level the losses caused to the students, though it does not offer adequate succour to them," the court said, directing the college to pay Rs 10 lakh each to 10 students.

Justice Suraj Govindaraj passed the order, while directing the Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences to initiate action against the college, including filing a criminal complaint and administrative action against the college.

The court noted that the college did not admit the students before April 7, 2022, but fabricated the register of admission by pasting a sheet of paper to include the names of the students as if to contend that they had been admitted within time and their details could not be uploaded due to technical glitches.

"The college played with the lives of the students and their parents who had aspirations to admit their wards to the college to study BSc Nursing. In view of the serious omissions and commission on the part of the college, the data has not been uploaded since admission has been carried out post the last date, without probably informing the students at the last date by collecting fees from them and inserting their names in the admission register now leads to a situation where on account of the refusal of the RGUHS, they would not be able to take up examination for this year," the court said.

The college moved the court seeking directions to the Medical Education Department to consider its representation to enable the web portal to allow uploading the details of students and issue registration numbers for appearing in first-year BSc Nursing Course examinations.

It admitted 10 students for the academic year 2021-22, but the details could not be uploaded on April 4, 2022 due to glitches on the portal. The college wrote to RGUHS in January 2023, requesting to open the portal for enabling online submission of applications. But no action was taken by RGUHS, the college contended in its petition.

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Stones thrown at VB Express

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A window pane of Vande Bharat Express was damaged after some miscreants pelted stones at it near Davangere railway station on Saturday. The incident occurred while the train was proceeding towards Bengaluru from Dharwad. Officials of the South Western Railway have reported the incident to Railway Protection Force to investigate.

SWR chief public relations officer Aneesh Hegde said the incident was reported near the Davangere railway station and a window pane of C4 coach was damaged. The stones did not pierce into the coach and no passengers were injured in the incident, he added. A case was filed against an unknown person. However, the train proceeded to the destination.

EXPRESS READ

Techie in I-T dept claimed tax refund fraudulently

Hyderabad: The Income Tax dept officials investigating the tax-refund scam were shocked to find one of their employees, a software engineer, got ₹40 lakh as tax refund by submitting fabricated documents that he had made donations to political parties. When the income tax sleuths inquired with political parties they came to know that they received no such donation. Sources stated that about 40 to 50 officials who claimed refunds had paid 30% of it to the tax consultants who filed their Income Tax returns with fabricated documents.

Man missing for 25 days found hanging

Chitradurga: A 37-year-old truck driver, who was missing for 25 days, was found hanging from a tree in a decomposed state Friday at the Hindu cemetery Holalkere. The driver, KB Basavantakumar, was from Kattigehalli village of Jagaluru taluk in Davanagere district. On June 4, Basavanthkumar was driving the truck filled with cement from Meenakshi Building Solutions Chitradurga to Hosadurga, when he was stopped by the police for rash driving at Bommanakatte village near Lokadolalu, and brought to the Holalkere police station. That night, he was allowed to sleep in the seized truck. On June 5, the police seized his phone and allowed him to go and have breakfast. However, Basavanthkumar did not return. His relatives filed a missing complaint on June 8 and suspect that the police were involved in the incident. Some people working in the bushes found the body, which was identified by his parents.

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"Tender Notification"

The Commissioner, City Municipal Council, Haveri invites CMC Haveri Limits e-tenders from registered contractors for Processing and Disposal of Legacy Waste Present in Landfill site work as per KTPP Act 1999 Rule 2000 as detailed below.

SI No	Indent Number	Estimated Value (Rs in Lakhs)	EMD Amount (Rs in Lakhs)	Tender Period
1	DMA/2023-24/OW/WORK_INDENT915	300.40	4.50	6 Months 25 days (Excluding Monsoon Period)

***Note: Amount put to tender is inclusive of applicable GST.**

Interested contractors shall register on the e-procurement platform to participate in this tender. Contractors can download the tender documents from the e-procurement paltform **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** tender shall be submitted electronically at **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** EMD and Tender Processing Fee shall also be paid electronically.

Calendar of events and other information's are as follows:

1	Tender pre Bid meeting date and time	10.07.2023, 11.00 AM
2	Last date and time for receipt of tenders	02.08.2023, 16.00 PM
3	Date and Time for Opening of Technical Bid	03.08.2023, 17.00 PM
4	Date and Time for Opening of Financial Bid	07.08.2023, 10.30 AM

Further conditions and further information can be obtained from this being working hours. If any changes in the calendar of events and the dates will be notified on e-procurement portal only.

Sd/-
Municipal Commissioner
City Municipal Council, Haveri

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E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

E-auction sale notice for sale of immovable assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement Security Interest Act 2002, read with provision to Rule 6(2) & rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Notice is hereby given to public in general and in particular to the Borrower/s and Guarantor/s that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the secured creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Bank of Baroda**, Secured Creditor **" will be sold on as is where is "As is what is basis" and Whatever there is"** for the recovery of below mentioned account/s. The details of Borrower/s/Guarantor/s Secured Asset/s Dues/ Reserve Price/ e-Auction date, time, EMD, and Bid increase amount are mentioned below.

Name and Address of The Borrower/ Guarantors Borrower: (1) Lakhsman Gowda S/o Shivarajappa, No. 142, 1st Cross, Near S L V Kalyana Mantapa, Hemmigepura, Bangalore South, Chudenapura, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560060. **(2) H Melegowda** S/o H Hanumanthaiah, Residing at Laxmisagar, Bidadi, Ramanagara, Karnataka-562109. **Guarantors: (1) H Melegowda** S/o H Hanumanthaiah, Residing at Laxmisagar, Bidadi, Ramanagara, Karnataka-562109.

Description of the Immovable Property : All that part and parcel of the property bearing Khaneshumari No. 123/43, Municipal Number 685/123/43, Site No. 43, Property Measuring East to West: 40 Ft and North to South: 30 Ft, totally measuring 1200 Sq Ft situated at Kethiganahalli Village, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk, Ramanagara District. Bounded by: East by : Site No. 42, West by : Road, North by : Road, South by: Site No 44.

Balance Outstanding As On **17.02.2022**	**A/c No's: 67350400000007: Rs. 15,75,947.87/- (O/s as on 31-12-2021)+ Interest from 01-01-2022 +Any Other Charges. Total: Rs. 15,75,947.87/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakh Seventy Five Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Seven and Eighty Seven Paisa only) (O/s as on 31-12-2021)+ Interest from 01-01-2022 +Any Other Charges.**
Date, Time & Portal For E-auction (With Unlimited Extension Of Five Minutes Duration On Each Bid) And Bid Incremenet Amount.	**DATE 06.08.2023 TIME: 10 AM to 06 PM Bid increment: Rs 20,000 /- www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp**
Reserve Price And Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Amount	**Reserve Price: Rs. 27,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Seven Lakhs only) EMD: Rs 2,70,000/-**
Last Date And Time Of Receipt Of Emd And Bank A/C Details With IFSC For Transfer Of EMD	Please see the terms and conditions through the below mentioned link

For details terms and conditions of sale, please refer to the link provided in https://www.bankofbaroda.in/e-auction.htm and https://ibapi.in. and may also contact the authorized officer on 9059619651.

Date: 01.07.2023
Place: Mandya
Sd/- Authorised Officer, Regional Office, Bank of Baroda

Indian Overseas Bank

KORAMANGALA BRANCH: No.12, MPD Tower, Industrial Main Road, Koramangala, 5th Block, Bangalore-560095.

DEMAND NOTICE

DEMAND NOTICE TO BORROWER UNDER SUB-SECTION (2) OF SECTION 13 OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002

Borrower(s): 1) M/s. S & G Metal Building Solutions (India) Private Limited (Represented by Managing Director), No.74/2A, KR Garden, 8th Block, Opposite NDDP, Koramangala, Bangalore-560095. **Factory Address:** 24, Sai Chaitanya Enclave Road, Opposite East Point College, Bidarahalli, Bangalore-560049. **2) Mrs. Geetha V,** Housing Loan. **3) Mr. Sudhakar R,** Housing Loan. **Guarantor(s): 4) Mr. Sudhakar R (Personal guarantor and Mortgagor),** No.696, Geethasudha Nilaya, 2nd A Main Road, 8th Block, Koramangala, Bangalore-560095. **Also at:** No.07, 1B Street, 8th Block, Koramangala, Bangalore-560095. **Also at:** # 724, 2nd B Main Cross, 8th Block, Koramangala Layout, Laxmi Temple Road, Koramangala, Bangalore South, Bangalore-560095. **5) Mrs. Geetha V,** No.696, Geethasudha Nilaya, 2nd A Main Road, 8th Block, Koramangala, Bangalore-560095. **Also at:** No.07, 1B Street, 8th Block, Koramangala, Bangalore-560095. **Also at:** # 724, 2nd B Main Cross, 8th Block, Koramangala Layout, Laxmi Temple Road, Koramangala, Bangalore South, Bangalore-560095.

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Re.: Your Credit facilities with Indian Overseas Bank, Koramangala Branch.

1) You, the above named borrower of our Bank have availed the following credit facilities from our **Koramangala Branch** against the security of the assets mentioned hereunder by way of mortgage.

The details of credit facilities with outstanding dues in various loan/ credit facility/ accounts are as under

Sl.No.	Nature of facility	Limit Rs.	Rate of Interest % +	Total dues as on 26.06.2023
01	Cash credit- A/c 148533000000009	Rs.7,50,00,000/-	RLLR @ 9.35% +2.05% i.e.11.40%	Rs.7,66,99,892/-
02	Term loan- 148503707000001	Rs.1,00,00,000/-	RLLR @ 9.35% +2.05% i.e.11.40%	Rs.20,61,814/-
03	FITL 1 - 148503304000005	Rs.65,79,486/-	RLLR @ 9.35% +2.05% i.e.11.40%	Rs.66,62,011/-
04	FITL 2 -148503304000009	Rs.68,40,000/-	RLLR @ 9.35% +2.05% i.e.11.40%	Rs.53,33,726/-
05	Housing loan A/c - 148503351400004	Rs.52,00,000/-	9.10%	Rs.32,84,587/-

*Further interest at contractual rates will become payable from the date mentioned above till date of payment.

The above named guarantors referred under Sl.No.4 and 5 have executed guarantee dated **24.03.2017** and thereby guaranteed payment on demand of all moneys and discharge all obligations and liabilities then or at any time thereafter owing or incurred to **Indian Overseas Bank** by the borrowers for the aggregate credit limits of **Rs.9,40,42,030/- (Rupees. Nine Crore Forty Lakh Forty Two Thousand and Thirty only)** Together with agreed interest charges etc.

The credit facilities were secured by the assets mentioned below by way of Mortgage/ Hypothecation standing in the name of the borrowers Nos.1, 2 and 3. They were also secured by Hypothecation of movable properties in the name of Borrower mentioned in Sl No.1. They were also secured by mortgage of properties in the name of Borrower/ Mortgagor mentioned in Sl No.3. They were also secured by mortgage of properties in the name of Mortgagor/ guarantor No.4 hereinabove

The guarantors mentioned under Sl No.4 and 5 of you have given personal guarantee for the credit facilities of borrowers Sl.No.1, 2 and 3.

You have acknowledged from time to time the liabilities mentioned herein above through various documents executed by you.

2) As aforesaid the above credit facilities are secured as under:

1) Mortgage: Property-1: Owner Name: Mr. Sri Sudhakar R: Equitable Mortgage followed by Registered memorandum of all that piece and parcel of the residential Property bearing site no.21, BBMP PID No.67-11-21, Old Ward No.67, New Ward No.151 of Koramangala Village, Koramangala-560095, Bangalore measuring East to West 60 feet and North to South 55 feet, totally measuring 3300 sq.ft. consisting of a non-residential building measuring GF-2400 sq. ft. in the name of **Sri Sudhakar R.**

Property-2: Owner Name: Mr. Sri Sudhakar R: Equitable Mortgage followed by Registered Memorandum of all that piece and parcel of the residential property site no.7, BBMP PID No.67-42-7, Old Ward No.67, New Ward No.151 of Koramanagala, situated at Koramangala Gramathana Predesha, Koramangala-560095, measuring East to West: 36*23 feet and North to South: 35*28' feet, totally measuring 1808 sq.ft. Consisting of a residential building, ground Floor measuring 1000 sq.ft. First Floor, measuring 900 sq.ft. in the name of **Sri Sudhakar R.**

Note: Both the properties are the common security for standard housing loan account in the joint name of both the directors.

2) Hypothecation: Hypothecation of current assets of the firm including raw material, work in progress, finished goods, consumables and book debts of the company.

Hypothecation of assets created out of term loan valued at **Rs.133.92 lac** as per quotation.

3) Consequent upon defaults committed by you in payment of principal debt and interest as per terms, your loan account has been classified as **Non-Performing Asset** on **25.06.2023** in accordance with the Reserve Bank of India directives and guidelines. Despite our repeated requests and demands you have not repaid the overdue loans including interest thereon. **4)** Since you have failed to meet your liabilities in respect of the credit facilities duly secured by various securities mentioned above, and classification of your account as a non-performing asset, we hereby recall our advances to you and give you notice under sub-section (2) of section 13 of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, and call upon you to pay in full and discharge your liabilities to the bank aggregating **Rs.9,40,42,030/- (Rupees Nine Crore Forty Lakh Forty Two Thousand and Thirty only)** as detailed in para 1 above, with further interest @2.00% extra with monthly rests, from the date mentioned above, within **60 days** from the date of this notice. **5)** The above named mortgagor/ guarantor No.4 have given undertaking for repayment/ guarantee for the credit facilities taken by the borrowers and have also mortgaged the properties herein mentioned to secure the above said credit facilities. Since the borrowers have committed defaults in repayment, the mortgagors/ guarantors have become liable to pay to us in terms of the guarantee, the amounts due to the Bank as per the loan/ credit facilities aggregating to **Rs.9,40,42,030/- (Rupees Nine Crore Forty Lakh Forty Two Thousand and Thirty only)** together with further interest @2.00% Extracompounded with monthly rests as agreed and we hereby invoke the guarantee against the mortgagors/ guarantors who have given non-agri securities enforceable under the SARFAESI Act namely Sl.Nos.4 & 5 of you and call upon you to pay the said amount within sixty days from the date of receipt of this notice. Please be advised that the guarantors liability is co-extensive with the liability of the borrowers. **6)** We further give notice to the borrower namely S.Nos.1, 2 & 3 and mortgagors/ guarantors who have given non-agri securities enforceable under the SARFAESI Act namely S.No.4 that failing payment of the above amount in full with interest and charges etc till the date of payment, we shall be exercising all or any of the rights vested on us, under sub-section (4) of section 13 of the said Act. **7)** Please note that in law the borrowers and guarantors are jointly and severally liable to repay the dues with further interest and charges etc. **8)** Please note that interest will continue to accrue at the rates and rests specified above for each credit facility until full payment. **9)** Your attention is also invited to sub-section (13) of section 13 of the said Act in terms of which you are restrained from transferring any of the secured assets referred to above by way of sale, lease or otherwise, without obtaining our prior written consent. Please also note that non-compliance to/ contravention of the provisions contained in the said Act, is an offence punishable under section 29 of the Act. **10)** The guarantors referred under Sl.No 4 & Sl.No.5 have given personal guarantee to secure the loans of the said borrowers and as such we advise you to prevail upon the borrowers to repay the dues as per our demand since we have the right to initiate action against you simultaneously in accordance with law, for recovery of our dues based on your personal guarantee. **11)** We also put you on notice that if the account is not regularized/ repaid within time and in case of the bank classifying you as a wilful defaulter as per RBI guidelines, Bank reserves its right to publish your photograph in newspapers with your names, addresses, details of default, dues, etc. in accordance with RBI guidelines besides initiating all legal recourses available to Bank for recovery. **12)** We also advise you that this demand notice is without prejudice to and shall not be construed as waiver of any other rights or remedies which we have for the recovery of the above said dues as well as our right to make further demands in respect of sums due and payable by you. **13)** Further, Your attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of the section 13 of the Act, In respect of time available to you, to redeem the secured assets.

Date: 27.06.2023, Place: Bangalore
Sd/- Authorised Officer, Indian Overseas Bank

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that, my client is intending to purchase the Schedule property from **SRI. ADINARAYANASWAMY** S/o Sri.Rangappa, Aged about 44 yrs, R/at No.1348, 7th Block, Sir.M. Vishweshwaraiah Layout, Muddinapalya, Bangalore-560091, who has represented to my client that he is the absolute owner of the Schedule property.

Any Persons, financial institutions and statutory authorities who claim any right, title or interest of any nature in or any lien, charge or enforceable right in relation to the Schedule property and/or has any objections of any nature to the aforesaid transaction should lodge such claim and /or objections in writing to the undersigned together with supporting documents within Ten days hereof, failing which it will be presumed that no valid claims or objections subsist and no claim shall thereafter be entertained by my client and my client would proceed to complete the transaction with the present owner thereof.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that Part and Parcel of the BDA site bearing no.1452, situated in Sir.M.Vishweshwaraiah Layout, VI Block (formed in Sy.No.7 of Ullal Village), Bangalore, Site measuring East to West (11.50+14)/2 Meters and North to South 09 meters, totally site measuring 114.75 Sq Mtrs and bounded on:

East by: PWD Road, **West by:** BDA Road, **North by:** Private property, **South by:** Site no.1541.

S.A. MARUTI PRASAD, Advocate, No.13/1, 1st Floor, 4th Cross, 4th Main, Gandhinagar, Bangalore-560009.
Mob : 9341270072.

PUBLIC NOTICE

FOR PURCHASE OF PROPERTY

NOTICE is hereby given that **Mr. J. Suresh Kumar** is willing to sell the schedule property in favour of my Client **Mr. Gopinatha. P. R** free from all encumbrances. Any person having any right, title, interest, claim or demand of any nature whatsoever in respect of the said property, is hereby required to make the same known in writing along with the documentary proof thereof, to the below mentioned his Counsel Mr.RADESH.K, Office at Third Floor, Above Favara Car World, SMN Complex, Whitefield Main Road, Thubarahalli, Bangalore. within 07 days from the date of publication hereof, failing which the negotiations shall be completed, without any reference to such claims and the claims if any, shall be deemed to have been given up or waived.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the Residential Property bearing **Plot No: 8** in the **"Arya Residential Layout"**, formed in (Old Sy No: 64) New Sy No: 82 measuring 2 Acres, Situated at Balagere Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk.

Contact : **Mr. RADESH BE,** LL.B, LL.M
Director
- MKM Legal Solutions Pvt Ltd.
e-mail id: radesh@mkmlegalsolutions
Contact No: +91 9663882498

UJVN Limited

H.O.: "UJJWAL', Maharani Bagh, GMS Road, Dehradun-248006
Telephone: 0135- 2763808 & Fax- 0135- 2763508
CIN No U40101UR2001SGC025866
Website: www.ujvnl.com

पत्रांक: 611 **e-Tender Notice** दिनांक: 01.07.2023

Office of the Executive Engineer (Generation) Chibro Power House, Chibro, invites online bids from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below:

e-Tender No. 4/EE(G)/CPH/2023-24

Name of work/supply/services: "Supply, installation, testing and commissioning of 220 KV XLPE Armoured Power Cable with all accessories including dismantling of the existing 220 KV Oil Filled Cable at 4X60 MW Chibro Power House.".

Estimated cost Rs. 23,01,43,251/- GST Extra.

Date of availability of bid document on website : 03-07-2023 from 11:00 Hrs.

Last date for submission of bids on website: 28-07-2023 up to 16:00 Hrs.

For fuller & further details, kindly visit e-procurement portal http://uktenders.gov.in"

E.E (Gen), CPH, Chibro.

"Avoid wasteful use of Electricity"

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

Kalkere Branch- Bengaluru
Mob: 99482 63652
E-mail: cb5910@canarabank.com

Possession Notice

APPENDIX IV under Act- Rule 8 (1) (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Canara Bank under Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **11.04.2023** calling upon the borrowers **1. Sri Armugam B. N.,** S/o. Late B. M. Neelakanta (Borrower) **2. Sri Hemachander B .A.** S/o. Armugam B. N. (Co- Borrower) to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice, being **Rs.6,22,577.35** (Rupees Six Lakhs Twenty Two thousand Five hundred Seventy Seven and paisa Thirty Five Only) within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under Section13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said Rule on this **28th Day of June of the Year 2023.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Canara Bank,** for an amount of **Rs.6,22,577.35** (Rupees Six Lakhs Twenty Two thousand Five hundred Seventy Seven and paisa Thirty Five Only) and interest thereon.

Description of the Immovable Property

Mortgaged Property standing in the name/s of Sri Armugam B. N. S/o. Late B. M. Neelakanta.

All that piece and Parcel of immovable Residential property bearing Sy. No. 66/2, of Kowdenahalli, KR Puram, Hobli, Bangalore South, now Bangalore East Taluk, and measuring 1.1 Guntas or 1197.9 Square feet, now within limit of BBMP Khata No. 1562/1450, Ward No. 26-R.M. Nagar, Bangalore consisting of Ground Floor, RCC roofed building thereon. Bounded by : East by : Srinivasan property, West By : Road, North By : Vendor's Property, South by: Shankar's Property.

Date : 28.06.2023
Place : Bangalore
Sd/-
Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

EQUITAS SMALL FINANCE BANK LTD

(FORMERLY KNOWN AS EQUITAS FINACNE LTD)
Registered Office: No.769, Spencer Plaza, 4th Floor, Phase-II, Anna Salai, Chennai, TN - 600 002.
044-42995000, 044-42995050

POSSESSION NOTICE (U/s. Rule 8 (1) - for immovable property)

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of M/s. Equitas Small Finance Bank Limited, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest [Act, 2002 (54 of 2002)] and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with [Rule 3] of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice calling upon the below mentioned Borrowers to repay the total outstanding amount mentioned in the notice being within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. Since the below mentioned Borrowers having failed to repay the below stated amount within the stipulated time, notice is hereby given to the below mentioned borrowers and the public in general that, the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security interest Enforcement Rules, 2002. The Borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the schedule mentioned properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of M/s. Equitas Small Finance Bank Limited and further interest and other charges thereon.* The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub–section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets."

Sl. No	Name of the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)	Description of Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	DemandNotice Date and Amount	Symbolic possession taken date
1	Branch : HSR Layout L.No: SEHRLYT0176098 Borrower: Mrs. A. Kusuma Co – Borrower: Mr. S. Anand	"Co-Applicant1: S. AnandAll the Piece and Parcel of Immovabale Property Bearing Sy No.51, Khatha No.51-3-81, situated at 6th Block 10th C Main Rajaji Nagar. North by : Site No.52South by : 3ft PassageEast by: S.Siddegowda's Property,West by: Site No.42.Measurement: East to West 20ft and North to South 12 ft, Total Extent 240 Sqft.Situated at within the Sub-Registration District of RJN-1-02710-2004-05, and Registration District of Bengaluru."	18-03-2023 & Rs. 442823/-	28-06-2023

Date : 02.07.2023, Place: Bangalore
Authorized Officer, Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd

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ಉಡುಪಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ–576101

Web: www.udupicity.mrc.gov.in Phone : 0820–2520446/2520306
E-Mail: itstaff_ulb_udupi@yahoo.com Fax : 0820–2524236

NO:UCMC/HS/STP-MP/CR-36/2023-24 Date: 01.07.2023

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ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಅಧ್ಯಾದೇಶ 1999–2000 ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಆಕ್ಟ್ 2000ರ ನಿಯಮದಂತೆ ಸ್ಟ್ಯಾಂಡರ್ಡ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟ್ ಕೆ.ಸಿ–8 ನಿಯಮದನ್ವಯ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸೂಚಿಸಿರುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯನ್ನು ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ 17.07.2023 ಆರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಇಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ (https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿರುವ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

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1	Tenders for the work of Providing DMA/2023- Manpower Services like Plant In charge, Supervisor, Helpers, Pump Operator, watchman, Mechanic Cum electrician to sewage treatment plant and Sucking Machine drivers cum Operators and sucking machine Helpers, weighbridge operator cum Computer Operator to STP in the limits of udupi city municipal council (Total 26 Members)	DMA/2023-24/SE0183	Rs. 65,12,250.00/-	Rs. 97,684.00/-

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ನಗರಸಭಾ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಉಡುಪಿ –576101

TOWN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, GUNDLUPETE

Chamarajanagara Dist-571111

No TMCGPT/SWM/LEGACY WASTE/01/2023-24 **Date:19-06-2023**

-: Tender Notification :-

(Through The Government Of Karnataka Public Procurement Potal)

Under the Swachh Bharat Mission 2.0 project and 15th Finance, a tender has been invited through the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal as per the **Karnataka Standard Tender Document – KW-4** (Karnataka Public Procurement Transparency Directions 1999-2000 Act 2000). Eligible tenderers can participate in the tender through the portal **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**.

Sl.no	Work Details	Amount Put to Tender (Rs in Lakhs)	Amount of E.M.D (in Rs)
01	Bio mining/Bio remediation of Legacy waste Deposited at Landfill site, survey No 218 of Madahalli (near Sri Ramadevara Gudda) Gundlupete Town Municipal Council. **(DMA/2023-24/OW/WORK_INDENT496)**	102.31	1,80,000.00

1. Last Date for Submission of Tender (Through e-portal Only): **11-07-2023 Upto 5.30 PM,** Date of opening of Technical bid Dated: **13-07-2023 after 11.00 AM.**
2. Further details can be obtained from the website www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in and from the office of Chief Officer, Town Municipal Council, Gundlupete or Environment Engineer, Town Municipal Council, Gundlupete.
3. **Tenderers Shall Submit The tender amount exclusive of GST only.**
4. Any amendments/addendums will be published on the portal only and the tenderers shall abide by all the conditions mentioned in the tender documents.

Sd/-
Chief Officer
TMC, Gundlupete

Sd/-
Administrator
TMC, Gundlupete

DIPR:CHANAGAR:51:2023-24

HASSAN CO-OPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS SOCIETIES UNION LIMITED

P.B. NO. 120, INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, B.M.ROAD, HASSAN –573201
PH NO : 08172-240631 F AX: 08172-240640
E-mail Address: hamul177@yahoo.co.in

NO.HCMU/M(DT)/TRANS/E-TENDER/ 538/2023-24 D ATE: 19-06-2023

INVITATION FOR TENDER(IFT)

(Short Term Tender)

(Two cover system through E-Governance portal only)

HAMUL invites E-Governance tender for Providing Insulated Road Milk Tankers for Hassan Milk Union. 3) Quantity & EMD amount :as per bid notification available in e-Governance,4) Last Date for Submission of tender:**21.07.2023,** up to 05.00 PM, 5) Technical bid Opening: **24.07.2023 at 03.00 PM,** 6) Address for Communication: Manager(Engineering)at the above address. 7) Further details and Tender Document may be downloaded from website https://kpppuat.karnataka.gov.in/

Sd/- **MANAGING DIRECTOR**

SOUTH INDIAN Bank

CIN: L65191KL1929PLC001017

Regional Office: SIB Arcade, #61, Wheeler Road, Cox Town, Bangalore – 560 005. Tel./ Fax No: +91 80-25479091 / 92
E-mail: ro1010@sib.co.in.
Website: www.southindianbank.com

APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to rule 8 (6)]
Sale notice for sale of immovable properties

Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the South Indian Bank Ltd, Branch Bangalore Sarjapura Road (Secured Creditor), the Physical Possession of which was taken on 31.01.2023 by the Authorised Officer of The South Indian Bank Limited, Regional Office Bangalore (Secured Creditor), will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and " Whatever there is" on **18.07.2023**, for recovery of an amount **Rs.85,00,360.61** (Rupees Eighty Five Lakh Three Hundred Sixty and paisa sixty one only) as on 01.07.2023 due to The South Indian Bank Limited, Branch Bangalore Sarjapura Road, (Secured Creditor) from **(1) Mr. Basheer M M** (Proprietor M/s. Bangalore Trading Corporation), #186, Muthanallur Cross, Sarjapur Road, Dommasandra, Bangalore - 562125 and **(2) Ms. Shamla K H W/o Mr. Basheer M M.** Address No 1 & 2 are residing at E-305, Trinity Sunrise Apartment, Somapur, Off Sarjapura Main Road, Bangalore - 562107,

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

All that piece and parcel of residential flat bearing No E-305 measuring 1410 Square feet with VP Khata no 545/E.305(Old khata No 36/E-305 third floor along with terrace area in E Block along with Car parking area and proportionate undivided rights and rights over common areas and amenities in Apartment Complex by name 'Trinity Sunrise" in land in Sy No 37/1B and Sy 37/1C at Somapura Village, Sarjapura Hobli Anekal Taluk, Bangalore and the property is owned by Mr Basheer M M and Shamla K H under Sale deed 547/14-15 dt 14.05.2014in SRO Sarjapur. The land is bounded by North: Property in Sy No 37, East: Property of Chowda Reddy, South : Road, West : Property of Pappa Reddy and others

Reserve Price	**Rs.39,98,000.00** (Rupees Thirty Nine Lakh Ninety Eight Thousand Only)
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	**Rs.4,00,000.00** (Rupees Four Lakh Only)
Date of Sale & Time	18.07.2023 at 11.30 A.M.
Date and time for submitting Tender along with EMD	18.07.2023 before 11.15 A.M.
Place of Sale	**The South Indian Bank Ltd.,** Regional Office, No.61, SIB Arcade, Wheeler Road, Cox Town, Bangalore – 560 005.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in South Indian Bank Ltd, (Secured Creditor) website i.e. **www.southindianbank.com**

Date : 01.07.2023
Place : Bangalore
Sd/- Authorised Officer (Chief Manager)
The South Indian Bank Ltd.

यूनियन बैंक Union Bank of India

Cantonment Branch
14/15, K. Kamraj Road, Near Commercial Street, Bengaluru-560001, Ph: 8169141110, 080-22958203
E-mail: ubin0533114@unionbankofindia.bank

DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SECTION13(2)OF ACT 54 OF 2002 FOR ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST

Enforcement of security interest Action Notice-In connection with the credit facilities enjoyed by the following borrowers with in the branches mentioned herein below-classified as NPA

We have to inform that you the following borrowers whose name and address [each borrower] and the name of the branches where you have availed the credit facilities offering the properties mentioned herein below. Since you have failed to repay the loan amounts as agreed by you, your following mentioned account/s has/have been classified as Non Performing Assets [NPA] as on the date mentioned herein below. The individual notice has been also already sent to, each of you demanding the due amount.

Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: 1) Mr Halegowda Brahmananda Reddy, No 839, 14th Main Road, 2nd Phase, 3rd Stage, Srinivasanagar, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Karnataka 560085. **2) Mrs. H Padmavathi** W/o Mr Halegowda Brahmananda Reddy, No 839, 14th Main Road, 2nd Phase, 3rd Stage, Srinivasanagar, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Karnataka 560085.

Account Number	Sanctioned Limit in Lakhs	Sanctioned Date	Present outstanding / RL as on 06.04.2023	Instrest charged upto Date
3311066500003981	Rs. 16.00	08.09.2008	Rs. 13,02,343.83	14.03.2023

NPA Date : 13.06.2023 Demand Date : 16.06.2023

Mortgaged Property Detail:

All that piece and parcel of the residential House property bearing Northern portion of Site No.839, 14th Main Road, BBMP Ward No.54, Corporation Division No.31, Corporation No.10/2-12, Gerehalli, 2nd Phase, Srinivasanagar, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bangalore city and bounded by : Boundries: East : 25 feet Road, West : Site No.21, North : Site No.13, South : Southern portion of the same property.

If you fail to repay the aforesaid sum with interest and incidental expenses within 60 days from the date of this notice, Bank shall exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub section (4) of the section 13 of the SARFAESI Act. You are also put on notice that in terms of sub section 13 of section 13, you shall not transfer by sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed above without obtaining written consent of the Bank. This notice is without prejudice to the Banks rights to initiate such other action or legal proceedings as it deem necessary under any other applicable provisions of law. Your kind attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Date : 01.07.2023
Place : Bengaluru
Sd/- Authorised Officer
Union Bank of India

KARNATAKA GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT

Finance Department
Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru-560001.

No.: FD/02/BMB/2023 Date: 01-07-2023

PRESS COMMUNIQUE

It is notified for general information that the outstanding balance of **9.39% Karnataka SDL 2023** issued in terms of the Government of **Karnataka,** Finance Department Notification No. FD 02 BMB 2013 dated July 25, 2013 will be repaid at par on **August 01, 2023** with interest due up to and including **July 31, 2023.** In the event of a holiday being declared on the aforesaid date by any State Government under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881, the loan will be repaid by the paying offices in that State on the previous working day. **No interest will accrue on the loan from and after August 01, 2023.**

2. As per sub-regulation 24 (2) and 24 (3) of Government Securities Regulations, 2007 payment of maturity proceeds to the registered holder of Government Security held in the form of Subsidiary General Ledger or Constituent Subsidiary General Ledger account or Stock Certificate shall be made by a pay order incorporating the relevant particulars of his bank account or by credit to the account of the holder in any bank having facility of receipt of funds through electronic means. For the purpose of making payment in respect of the securities, the original subscriber or the subsequent holders of such a Government Securities, as the case may be, shall submit to the Bank or Treasury and Sub- Treasury or branch of State Bank of India, where they are enfaced / registered for payment of interest, as the case may be, the relevant particulars of their bank account.

3. However, in the absence of relevant particulars of bank account/mandate for receipt of funds through electronic means, to facilitate repayment on the due date, holders of **9.39% Karnataka SDL 2023** should tender their securities at the Public Debt Office, 20 days in advance. The securities should be tendered for repayment, duly discharged on the reverse there of as under:

"Received the Principal due on the Certificate".

4. It should be particularly noted that at places where the treasury work is done by a branch of the State Bank of India, the securities, if they are in the form of Stock Certificates, should be tendered at the branch of the bank concerned and not at the Treasury or Sub-Treasury.

5. Holders who wish to receive payment at places other than those where the securities have been enfaced for payment should send them duly discharged to the Public Debt

BEFORE THE II ADDITIONAL FAMILY COURT AT CHENNAI
O.P. No. 5259 OF 2022

S. Vaidehi : Petitioner
Vs.
Dr. Satish Chandrashekar :Respondent

To
Dr. Satish Chandrashekar
S/o. Late M.S. Chandrashekar
Sy. No.89/5, H.No.9,
Lokesh Nilaya, 2nd Floor,
Ist Cross. Behind Kamataka Bank,
Bellandur, Bangalore 560 103.

In the above matter, notice has been ordered to you returnable by 21.08.2023.

Take notice and be present in the court mentioned above, on the 21st day of August, 2023 at 10.30 a.m., either in person or through pleader, failing which the matter will be heard in your absence and suitable orders passed.

S.Vaidehi
Petitioner

B-4, Jains Eiffel Gardens,
No.167 A, Arcot Road,
Vadapalani, Chennai 600 026

BEFORE THE HON'BLE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1 (KARNATAKA)
First Floor, Jeevan Mangal Building
No.4, Residency Road, Bangalore-560025

O.A. No. 1073/2019

Between :
Indian Bank,
New Thippasandra Branch ...Applicant
AND
Sri. Mahesh M and another
...Defendants

SUMMONS UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES

1. Sri. Mahesh.M, S/o Sri. Mahadev, Aged about 36 years, No. 7, 17th Cross, Thigalarapalya Main Road, Peenya 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560058.

2. Smt. Chandrakala, W/o Sri. Mahesh.M., Aged about 29 years, No. 7, 17th Cross, Thigalarapalya Main Road, Peenya 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560058. **...Defendants**

Whereas the Applicant Bank above named has instituted an application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993, against you, of recovery of **a sum of Rs.63,18,664/-** (Rupees Sixty Three Lakhs Eighteen Thousands Six Hundred Sixty Four Only) together with interest, costs & for other reliefs. You are therefore directed to appear before this Hon'ble Tribunal in person or thorough an Advocate or duly authorized agent in support of your defense, if any, and shows cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on or before **28.10.2022 at 10.30 AM** as to why the reliefs prayed for by the Applicant Bank against you, should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of you default, the Applicant will be heard and the case determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this **the 17th day of June 2022.**

Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal-I
Jeevan Mangal Building, No.4, Residency Road, Bengaluru-560025.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Mr. Tousif Ahmed, aged about 29 years, S/o. Mr. Asif Ahmed, residing at No. 11, 3rd Cross, MM Layout, Kavalbyrasandra, R.T Nagar Post, Bangalore-560032. Who is the Registered agreement holder of schedule property which is morefully described in the schedule herein given below, and have to entered into a Sale Deed. Any person claiming with regard to the schedule property or any part thereof should write to the undersigned within **15(Fifteen) days** from the date of publication with Documentary proof on which they have based their claim, failing which it is deemed that there is no impediment to complete the sale and my client will proceed on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Municipal No. 249, PID No. 97-3-249. Formed by Bangalore Development Authority, situated at Block No. II, in Matadahalli Extension, Measuring East to West: 27.43+30.18 Meters and North to South: 15.24 Meters in all measuring 438.98 Square Meters along with residential building having Ground floor, First floor, totally measuring 4000 Sq.Ft, built up are now within the jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No. 97, Bangalore, now called as R.T Nagar and bounded on:: East by: Road, West by: Road, North by: Site No. 250, South By: Site No. 248.

Date: 30.06.2023 Bangalore
Sd/- Volga C.P, BAL, LLB
Advocate, AV Legal Associates
No. 992, near Someshwar Temple, Goapl Reddy Building, Kacharakanahalli, Bangalore-560043.
Phone: 9901662512, 8123558265

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the general public that we viz Bhaskar S, Ashok kumar S, Smt D.M. Kalpana, D.N. Mallikarjuna, C. Thimma Reddy, Venkataswamy Reddy K.Y, are the absolute owners in possession and occupation of presently vacant land viz the schedule property. It is notified to the public at large as well as all institutions and local bodies and government authorities that we have not encumbered in any way the schedule property in favour of any person/s, institution or neither have executed any Joint development agreement, MoU or agreement of sale of the schedule property to any person/s whatsoever. It has come to our knowledge that certain person/s inimical to our right, title and interest are creating fabricated and forged documents claiming right over the schedule property. We are initiating action in law as against such fabricators and forgers. We caution the public and any institution from dealing with the schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of residentially converted land bearing Sy No 28/1 measuring to an extent of 7 acres 9 guntas of land situate at Yadavanahalli village, Attibele hobli, Anekal taluk, Bangalore district coming within neraluru Grama panchayath and bounded on: **East by:** Road, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Sy No 29 Pvt property, **South by:** Sy No 27 Pvt Property.

Bhaskar .S, Ashok kumar .S, Smt D.M.Kalpana, D.N.Mallikarjuna, C.Thimma Reddy, Venkataswamy Reddy K.Y,
At No 1, BTR Garden, Kudlu Main road, Kudlu, Bommanahalli Post, Bengaluru-68
M:9035727239

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Mr. Ravindra Kambalakatta S/o Shri S Rajagopal Bhat, aged about 45 years, Aadhar No. 2621 1537 3398, residing at No. 007, Balaji Enclave, 5th Main, ITI Layout, BSK 3rd Stage, Hosakerehalli, Bangalore-560085, informs the General Public that, he has lost the original document of General Power of Attorney executed by said Mr. Ravindra Kambalakatta in favour of her mother Smt. Rajani Rajagopal Bhat in respect of the schedule property. In this regard my client had lodged a Complaint on 01.07.2023 vide lost Report No. 0623763/2023. If any person who can trace/finds the same may please hand over it to the aforesaid owner/undersigned advocate within 5 days from the date of this notice.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of residential property bearing Flat No. 002, Ground Floor in the multi storied building known as BALAJI HILL TOP, with super built up area of 900 sq.ft along with 250 sq.ft of UDS, having RCC Roofed, Mosaic flooring, with right to use 1 covered car parking area bearing No. 002 in the basement, having all civic amenities like water, electricity, sewerage etc., situated at Kathriguppe Revenue Area, Uttarahalli Hobli, BBMP Ward No. 54, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore.

Sd/- **MANJUNATH V,** Advocate,
LEX AVENUE, Advocates & Solicitors,
No.42/1, 7th Cross, 5th Main Road,
Chamarajpet, Bangalore-560018.
Mobile : 8123404474 / 9141741762

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is informing the General Public Notice that my client is intending to purchase the schedule property from its owner Sri. C. MANJUNATHA S/o Late Chennappa aged about 62 Years Residing at No.22 & 39, 6th Cross, Vinayaknagar, Devasandra K R Puram Bengaluru-560036. Any person having any claims over the schedule Property claiming through the predecessors in title or any other persons may lodge their objections or claims in writing with all supporting documentary evidence by registered post with regard to such claim with the undersigned within 15 days there of failing which my client will proceed to conclude the sale transactions. Any claims lodged thereafter will not be entertained by my client in Respect of Western Portion of the Residential Site No.22 and 39, Old Katha NO.70/3/21/22/39/40, Situated at 6th Cross, Devasandra K.R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Comes Under the Jurisdiction of Bruhath Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Bengaluru. Measuring East to West 30 Feet and North to South 60 Feet totally 1800 Sq Feet. East by: Eastern Portion of Site NO.22 and 39 Belongs to Sri M Murali. West by: 20 Feet Road, North by: 20 Feet Road South by: 20 Feet Road. The Schedule Property Consists 12 Sq in Ground Floor, 15 Sq in First Floor, 15 Sq in Second Floor, RCC Roofed House.

BHARATH B. M. M A LLB.,
Advocate & legal Consultant
No.6, Near Sub Registrar Office, K R Pura, Bengaluru-560036.
Contact No.9242316191, 9008801824.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public is hereby intimated that my client is willing to purchase the Schedule property mentioned below and the title and revenue documents are forwarded to us by the owners of the property to ascertain their marketable titles and right of encumbrance over the Schedule property, which is more fully detailed to in the schedule mentioned below. Any person / institution / firm / entry / trust / Board / financial institution or claiming to have any nature of claim / right / title/ Interest over the below mentioned properties may file / lodge their claim / objections to the undersigned within 7 (Seven) days from the date of publishing this Notice, failing which my clients shall proceed and complete the sale transaction in respect of the Schedule Properties which is free from all kind of encumbrances.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Site No. 2102, measuring East to West 40 Ft. North to South 60 Ft., totally measuring 2400 Sq. Ft., khata No. 2102, BBMP Sl. No. 2117, situated at Vajrahali Village, UttarahalliHobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, site formed by The Bangalore City Co-Operative Housing Society Ltd., Bounded on
East : Site No. 2103 **West :** site No. 2101
North : Road **South :** Sy. No.60/3
Site No. 2103, measuring East to West 40 Ft., North to South 60 Ft. totally measuring 2400 Sq. Ft., khata No.2103, BBMP Sl. No. 2118, situated at Vajrahali Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk., site formed by The Bangalore City Co-Operative Housing Society Ltd., Bounded on
East : Site No. 2104 **West :** Site No. 2102
North : Road **South :** Sy No. 60/3

Sri.RamuSreekantaiah B.Sc., L.L.B., P.G.D.L.L., Advocate,
No.471, Legal Access, 8th B Main, Jayanagar 4th Block, Bangalore-11. Mobile: 9448117426
E-Mail: legalaccess.ramu@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that our client intends to acquire from **Anand Janardhan Raghavan**, son of B.R. Janardhan, residing at No.146, 12th Cross, J.P. Nagar, 2nd Phase, Bengaluru **("Owner")** land and building bearing municipal number 750 measuring East to West 13.72 meters and North to South 18.29 meters, totally measuring about 250.92 square meters situated in Sarakki I Stage Extension, 14th Cross, J.P. Nagar 1st Phase, Bengaluru – 560 078 **("Property").** The Owner has represented that he is the sole and absolute owner of the Property and that no other person has any manner of right, title or interest thereon.

Public are notified that any person having any right, title, claim or interest in the Property or any objection/s of any manner whatsoever to the above transaction are hereby called upon to notify the undersigned with supporting documents within **15 (Fifteen) days** from the date of this notice. If no such claim is received, it would be deemed that the said owner has a clear and marketable title to the parcels of the Schedule Properties as mentioned herein below and that no person has any claim over the Schedule Properties and/or claim/s if any, will be deemed to have been waived.

Date: 02.07.2023

Sreenivasa S.C. # 353, Sree Sathya Ganesh, 10th Main, Poornapragna Layout, Uttarahalli, Subramanyapura, Bengaluru - 61 Ph: 9483725949

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TENDER NOTICE NO: 26/2023. Dt.30.06.2023. SUPPLY OF STORES ITEMS e-Procurement Tender Notice

The Following Tenders Have Been Floated Online. Tenderers Are Requested To Visit The Website **www.ireps.gov.in** And Submit Their Offers Online. The Tender Description, Qty, EMD, SD May Be Seen In Website. Offers Submitted Manually Will Not Be Accepted.Offers By Post Will Not Be Entertained. Tender Closing Time is 14.30 Hrs Of The Due Date Of The Tender. "For All Indigenous Offers, EMD Will Be Accepted Only Via Online System As Available On **www.ireps.gov.in**."

Tender No.	Brief Description
60.23.6145	Procurement of PCBs and Cardon shafts
60.23.6129	Procurement of Shock Absobers Circlip
76.23.1017	Manual Metal Arc Welding Electrodes Size 4.00x450mm
81.23.1332	Polyvinyl chloride Based Adhesive
45.23.1386	70Ah 110V VRLA Maintenance free
45.23.1192	4.5KW under slung Constant voltage

Note:-Due dates of Tender Opening: SL.No.01 on dt.17.07.2023. SL.No.02 & 03 on dt.18.07.2023. SL.No.04 on dt.20.07.2023. SL.No.05 on dt.25.07.2023.SL.No.06 on dt.26.07.2023.

Beside Above Mentioned Tenders There Are Other Tenders Having Value Below **Rs.25 Lakhs.**

For Details, Please Visit Railway Website Above.

Principal Chief Materials Manager/Secunderabad

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER (through https://ireps.gov.in)

CE/C-II/SC, CE/C-V/SC & CE/C-I/SC Construction Organisation, S.C.Railway, Secunderabad, respectively, invites e-tender on behalf of the President of India for the following works:

Sl.No.: 1 **NIT No.:** 29-CAO- C-SC-2023 Date:27/06/2023 **Name of work:** SCR Construction Organization - Kazipet - Balharshah Section - Proposed 3rd line with Electrification between Kazipet - Balharshah stations- Maintenance of newly opened 3rd line track from Ch:159840.000m to Ch:175619.00m between Wirur and Makudi Stations (Including Both yards). **Estimated Cost (₹):** 92,67,651.76 **EMD (₹):** 1,85,400.00 **Completion Period :** 12 (Twelve) Months **Date of Opening:** 20/07/2023 15:00hrs.

Sl.No.: 2 **NIT No.:** 30-CAO-C-SC-2023 Date: 27/06/2023 **Name of work:** SCR Construction Organisation- Nanded Division-Development of Coach maintenance facilities at Jalna station-Supplying of AT weld portions for 60kg/52 kg(90 UTS)rail joints and in situ welding with automatic tapping thimble by using single shot crucible for welding of rail joints in jalna yard. **Estimated Cost (₹):** 29,58,166.50 **EMD (₹):** 59,200.00 **Completion Period :** 06 (Six) Months **Date of Opening:** 20/07/2023 15:00hrs.

Sl.No.: 3 **NIT No.:** 31-CAO-C-SC-2023 Date:27/06/2023 **Name of work:** SCR Construction Organization-Guntakal Division - Guntur-Guntakal Section - Doubling of track between Nandyal-Dhone stations - Proposed construction of Road Over Bridge with span of 1 x 41.00m (C/C of expansion joints) composite girders with open/pile foundations duly dismantling the existing ROB No.171-A at Km.287/3-4, span 1x6.36m RCC Slab between Bugganipalli Cement Nagar and Krishnammakona stations after fixing of alternative alignment with soil exploration, drawing preparation, etc. by conducting field survey. **Estimated Cost (₹):** 16,79,37,408.34 **EMD (₹):** 9,89,700.00 **Completion Period :** 09 (Nine)Months **Date of Opening:** 20/07/2023 15:00hrs.

1) For bid document and other details, please login to website **https://ireps.gov.in**.

2) Tenderers can submit their offers online during tender submission period which is the Fifteen days period prior to closing of tender.

3) Tenderers should watch for any corrigenda (issued online only) up to the date of commencement of the tender submission period.

Chief Administrative Officer/ Const./Secunderabad
A0987

For further tender conditions / details and for downloading the tender documents, Please visit website at https://www.ireps.gov.in or www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Smt. Aparna Venkateshaiah** W/o Sri. K.M Narayaswamy, R/at No. 750, 5th Cross, Gokula Extension, Diwanarapalya, Bangalore-560054, has lost the following documents:-

1. Gift deed, dated: 23.12.2021, registered as document No. BNS-1-13231-2021-22, Book No: 1, CD No. BNSD 1441, Pages 1-11, registered before the Sub Registrar of Banaswadi pertaining to the property bearing Khata No. 389/123/1, measuring 3200 sq. ft, situated at Channasandra, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, now comes under BBMP limits. A police complaint dated: 27/6/2023 (lost Report reference No: 0618468/2023) has also been lodged by my client before Yeshwanthpur, Police Station, Bangalore City.
2. Gift deed, dated: 22.12.2021, registered as document No: I 9602/21-22, pertaining to the property bearing PID No. 4-128-9/1, measuring 1062 sq. ft, situated at No. 750, Block No. 1, Stage II phase in Gokul Extension and also Original Khata and absolute Sale Deed, now comes under BBMP limits ward No. 36- Mathikere, New Muncipal No. 9/1, 5th A Cross, Gokula 1st Stage, 2nd Phase, Mathikere, Bangalore City. A Police complaint, dated: 27.6.2023 (lost Report reference No: 0618515/2023 has also been lodged by my client before Yeshwanthpur Police Station, Bangalore City.
3. Absolute Sale Deed, dated: 30.07.2008, registered as document No: BDH-1-01106-2008-2009, Book No:1, C D No: BDHD16, Pages 1-9, registered before the sub Registrar of Bidarahalli, Bangalore, pertaining to property bearing Khata No. 389/123/1, measuring 3200 sq. ft., situated at Channasandra, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, now comes under BBMP, Bangalore. A police Complaint, dated: 27.06.2023 (lost Report reference No: 0618538/2023) has also been lodged by my client before Yeshwanthpur Police Station, Bangalore city. 4. Original Khata of the Gift deed, dated: 23.12.2021, registered as document No: BNS-I-13231-2021-2022, Book No. 1, CD No: BNSD1441, pages 1-11, registered before the Sub-Registrar of Banaswadi, pertaining to property bearing Khata No. 389/123/1, measuring 3200 Sq. ft. situated at Channasandra, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, now comes under BBMP limits. A Police Complaint dated: 27/6/2023 (lost Report reference No: 0618586/2023) has also been lodged by my client before Yeshwanthpur Police Station, Bangalore City.

The General Public is hereby informed that any person/s finds the above said documents is requested to return the same to the below mentioned address **within 7 days** from the date of Publication.

RAGAVENDRA K.N, Advocate
No. 8/1, 3rd Main, G.D. Park Extension, Bangalore: 560003.
Mob: 9686811102. Date: 01.07.2023

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-TENDER NOTICE
Tender No : WRD/KWA-CE(SR)/TR/8495/2022_5_1_1/2

Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)-WSS to Vakathanam Panchayath in Kottayam District-Phase 1- PACKAGE 3 - Supply, Installation and Commissioning of 2 Nos. of 1600 KVA, 3.3kV & 1 No of 63 KVA , 440V Indoor transformers, 3 Nos. of Suitable HP VT pump sets and allied works in 12m dia well cum pump house at Peroor. EMD: Rs. 2,00,000/-; Tender fee: Rs. 11025 + (1985) GST; Last Date for submitting Tender: 20-07-2023 03:00:pm. Phone: 0481 2562745.
Website: www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in

KWA-JB-GL-6-584-2023-24 Superintending Engineer, PH Circle, Kottayam

Bank of Baroda
(A Government of India undertaking)
New BEL Road Branch (Bangalore North)
No 9, New BEL Road, Bangalore - 560 094
Tel: 080-23514380/81,
E-mail: NEWBEL@bankofbaroda.co.in

Possession Notice

(FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY) APPENDIX IV under Act- Rule 8(1)

Whereas, the Authorized Officer of Bank of Baroda, New BEL Road Branch, Bangalore under the securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Sec 13(2) read with Rule-3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued Demand Notice dated **06.04.2023** calling upon the **1) Sri Jyotirmay Bishnu,** S/o Sri Surendra Prasad Yadav, No 46, 1st Cross, 3rd Block, Dasappa Layout, Rammurthy Nagar, Bengaluru – 560016 **and also at Supreme Honda,** NH-31, Maranga, Purnea, Bihar - 854301 **(Borrower). 2) Sri Jyoti S Krishnan,** S/o Sri Surendra Prasad Yadav, No 46, 1st Cross, 3rd Block, Dasappa Layout, Rammurthy Nagar, Bengaluru – 560016 **and also at Supreme Honda,** NH-31, Maranga, Purnea, Bihar - 854301 **(Co-Borrower)** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being under of **Rs. 12,35,408.39** (Rupees Twelve lakhs Thirty Five Thousand Four Hundred Eight and Paise Thirty Nine Only) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor of the property having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/Guarantor/Owner of the property in particular and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **28thday of June of the year 2023.**

The borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Bank of Baroda for an amount of **Rs12,35,408.39** (Rupees Twelve lakhs Thirty Five Thousand Four Hundred Eight and Paise Thirty Nine Only) plus interest thereon along with cost.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

Property No 1: All that piece and parcel of the Residential Vacant **Site No 30**, V P Khata No 19/2/30, converted from agricultural to Non-agricultural/Residential purpose vide rectified official memorandum conversion order No BDS.ALN/SR(NA)10/95-96 dated 09.02.2012 issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore and also approved by BIAAPA, Vide Order No. No.BIAAPA/TP1/LAO/45/2011-12 dated 09.05.2012 and in the layout plan approved by the BIAAPA in Survey No's 19/1, 19/2, 19/3, 18/2 formed in the layout known as **"SLN DREAMS"** situated at **Bayyanahalli Village, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk**, measuring East to West 40 Feet and North to South 30 Feet in all measuring 1200 Square Feet and bounded on the: East by: Road, West by: Site No 57, North by: Site No 31, South by: Road

Property No 2: All that piece and parcel of the Residential Vacant **Site No 31**, V P Khata No 19/2/31, converted from agricultural to Non-agricultural/Residential purpose vide rectified official memorandum conversion order No BDS.ALN/SR(NA)10/95-96 dated 09.02.2012 issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore and also approved by BIAAPA, Vide Order No. No.BIAAPA/TP1/LAO/45/2011-12 dated 09.05.2012 and in the layout plan approved by the BIAAPA in Survey No's 19/1, 19/2, 19/3, 18/2 formed in the layout known as **"SLN DREAMS"** situated at **Bayyanahalli Village, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk**, measuring East to West 40 Feet and North to South 30 Feet in all measuring 1200 Square Feet and bounded on the: East by: Road, West by: Site No 56, North by: Site No 32, South by: Site No 30.

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 28.06.2023

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Bank of Baroda,
New BEL Road Branch

AXIS BANK Plot No. 41, Seshadri Road, Anand Rao Circle, Bangalore-560009

DEMAND NOTICE

A notice is hereby given that the following borrowers have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of credit facilities obtained by them from the bank and said facilities have turned in to Non-performing Assets. The notices were issued to them under section 13 (2) of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act. 2002 on their last known addresses, however the same have returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice about the same.

Sl. No.	Name & Address of the Borrower	Property Address on Which Loan Availed	Notice Date	Bal. O/S (Claimed) in Rs.
1.	**1) Mr. Mohan K M** S/o Manjunath, No.5, 1st Floor, New Sheet House, New Ramaiah Reddy Building, 2nd Main, 2nd Block, Udayanagar, Bangalore- 560016 **Also At: Mr. Mohan K M** S/o Mnjunath, Bandamma Temple Street, Kadur, Chikkamagalur 577548 **Also At: Mr. Mohan K M** S/o Mnjunath, Manager, Ernst & Young LLP Global Shared Services Division, 4th Floor, Tower C, RMZ Infinity, Old Madras Road, Benniganahalli, Bangalore- 560016 **(Borrower/Mortgager)** **Mrs. Thanuja K N** W/o Mohan K M, No.5, 1st Floor, New Sheet House, New Ramaiah Reddy Building, 2nd Main, 2nd Block, Udayanagar, Bangalore 560016 **Also At : Mrs. Thanuja K N** W/o Mohan K M 5th Block, Ramaiah Reddy Building, 2nd Main, Near Fathima School, Udayanagar, Bangalore-560016 **(Co Applicant/Guarantor)**	All that piece and parcel of the Site No 03 Old Khata No 13 Sy No.82 Sreenidhi Shelters Layout, Adde Vishwanathapura Village, Hesaraghatta Yelahanka Bangalore 560064 Karnataka and **Bounded as follows:** EAST BY : Road, WEST BY : No 58, NORTH BY : No 02, SOUTH BY :No 04 **For any clarification please contact Mr. Thrimoorthy 9036773553**	**14.06.2023 NPA Date 04.6.2023**	**Power Home Vanilla BRE PHR 056107387967 Rs. 17,78,066/- as on 14.06.2023**
2.	**1) Sri Umashankar Traders,** No.13/31, Cocunet Complex, APMC Yard, Yeshwanthpur, Bangalore 560022 **Represented By Personal Guarantors Mrs. M Vijayalakshmi** D/o Muthyalappa No.14, Vijayalakshmi Nilaya, Veerayya Enclave, Adarsha Nagar, Arasinakunte, Nelamangala Taluk Bangalore 560022 **Mr. B Narayanappa S/o Basappa** Bommanahalli Village, Pavagada Taluk, Tumkur 561202 **Also At: Mr. B Narayanappa** S/o Basappa No.14, Vijayalakshmi Nilaya, Veerayya Enclave, Adarsha Nagar , Arasinakunte, Nelamangala Taluk Bangalore 560022 **(Borrower/Guarantor)**	All that piece and parcel of the Property Site Bearing No 14 property No 874/14 PID No 150300701901008635 carved out of sy No 28/1, 29/1B, 29/2, and 31/1 aformed in converted lands and bounded as follows: EAST BY: 9 Meter Wide Road WEST BY : Site No 37 NORTH BY : Site No 15 SOUTH BY : Site No 13 **For any clarification please contact Mr. Srinivas 9845721516**	**02.06.2023 NPA Date 01.06.2023**	**Over draft 92003001 8069516 Rs. 41,39,930/- as on 02.06.2023**

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above borrowers and/ or the guarantors (where ever applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding dues as mentioned above along with future interest and applicable charges within 60 days from the date of the publication of this notice failing which further steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days of the date of this notice as per the provision of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act. 2002. Please note that under Section 13(13) of the said Act, no Borrower shall, after Receipt of Notice referred to in Sub-section (2), transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of his secured assets referred to in the notice, without prior written consent of the secured creditor.

The Borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of sections 13 of the Act. The borrowers may redeem the secured assets by paying the dues of the secured creditor together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred at any time before the date of publication of notice for public auction or inviting quotations or tender from public or private treaty for transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale of the secured assets.

Place : Bangalore
Date : 30.06.2023

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Axis Bank Ltd.

Union Bank of India
STRESSED ASSET MANAGEMENT VERTICAL BRANCH
 # No.25/2, 1st Main Road, E-Block, II Stage , Dr. Rajkumar Road
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APPENDIX-IV-A

[See Provision to Rule 8(6) of Security Enforcement Rules, 2002]

Notice of 30 days for sale of immovable secured assets under Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

E-auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, read with the provision of Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) mentioned below that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Constructive Possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Union Bank of India, Stressed Asset Management Vertical Branch, Bengaluru** will be sold on **" As is where is", " As is what is " and " whatever there is"** condition by Public E-Auction on **10.08.2023 - 11.00 am to 2.00 pm (with 10 min unlimited auto extensions)** for recovery of dues as mentioned below together with future interest and legal other expenses due to the bank/Secured Creditor from respective borrowers. The Reserve Price for Property, the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and Description of Property etc., are given below.

Sl. No.	Name and Address of the Borrower/ Mortgagor/ Guarantor	Description of the Property	Amount Due	Reserve Price	EMD Amount
1	**M/s Lakshmi Gold Khazaana Pvt. Ltd.,** No. 475, Nanjundi Arcade, Sampige Road, Malleshwaram, Bangalore-560003 **Guarantors: (1) Shri K P Nanjundi Vishwakarma,** No. 7A, Ishwarya, 1st Cross Road, ITI Employees Housing Co-op Society Ltd, Sanjaynagar Bangalore-560094 **(2) Smt Channajamani,** No. 7A, Ishwarya, 1st Cross Road, ITI Employees Housing Co-op Society Ltd., Sanjaynagar Bangalore 560094 **(3) Shri K K S Rajan,** No. 88, 2nd Floor, 5th Cross, Lakshmi Narayana Puram Bangalore-560021 **(4) Shri M K Ramakrishna,** Flat no 201, No 33, Sai Supraja Nivas, Devanathachar Street, 5th Main Road, Chamarajpet, Bangalore-560018	**Property No.1:** All the piece and parcel of commercial property bearing clubbed Corporation, No 475, B.B.M.P-P.I.D. No. 6-20-475 (Old Nos. 475, 475/1, 475/2, 475/3 & 475/4 and still old No. 2216 and still old No. 1761), Situated at 2nd Main Road, Sampige Road, Malleshwaram, Bangalore – 560003, measuring East to West 120 Feet and North to South 30 feet, in all measuring 3600 Sq. Ft., together with building standing thereon , bounded on the : East by : Conservancy Lane, West by: II Main Road (Sampige Road), North by : Private Property, and South by : Private Property.	**Rs. 101,28,49,660.86 (Rupees One Hundred and One crore twenty eight lakhs forty nine thousand six hundred sixty and eighty six Paisa only)as on 31.03.2021 with further interest, cost and expenses**	**Rs. 13,31,89,000/-**	**Rs. 1,33,18,900/-**
		Property No.2: : Schedule A : All that piece and parcel of property bearing Corporation No.1, B.B.M.P-PID No.77-103-1, situated at Kumara Krupa Road, Bangalore, Karnataka, B.B.M.P Ward No.77, measuring North 100 feet, South 105 feet, East 100 feet and West 80 feet, in all measuring 9,385.25 square feet, bounded on the : East by : Kumara Krupa Road, West by : Private Property , North by : Kumara krupa 1st Cross Road and South by : Private Property. **Schedule B :** Out of the above, all that piece and parcel of Office Show Room Unit/ Commercial Apartment bearing Corporation No.1/31, BBMP – PID No.77-103-1/31 (old Unit No. 301), situated in the 3rd Floor, in the building by name "AHUJA CHAMBERS", constructed on the Schedule A Property having super built area of 709 Square Feet, with the right to use all common areas such as passages, lobbies, lift space, stair case and other common areas and a car parking space, together with 265.53 Sq. ft or 24.65 Sq. Meters, undivided share, right, title in the Schedule A Property (i.e 650/23000th share).		**Rs. 90,85,000/-**	**Rs. 9,85,000/-**
		Property No.3: All that piece and parcel of residential property bearing Corporation No:90/24/31, 8 i.e New Katha No.90, Old No.24/31,8 , Old Site No. 8, old V.P Katha No.295 and Old CMC Katha No.87, situated at 3rd Main, Papareddy palya, Malathahalli, Nagarbhavi II Stage, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore, Karnataka in BBMP Ward no.129, measuring East to West 80 feet and North to South 45 feet, in all measuring 3600 Square Feet, together with building standing thereon, bounded on the : East by : 30 feet Road, West by : Road, North by : Road, South by : Property belonging to Gurumurthy.		**Rs. 2,48,00,000/-**	**Rs. 24,80,000/-**
		Property No.4: All the piece and parcel of portion of residential property bearing CTS No. 3116/2A, measuring 187.85 Sq. Mtr. Or 2022 Sq. Ft. and commercial premises bearing CTS No. 3116/1, measuring 26.76 Sq. Mtrs. Or 288 Sq. Ft. as per CTS records (and as per compromise decree 21 Ft. x 105 Ft) along with dilapidated structure, situated at Khade Bazar, Belgaum City, Karnataka within the limits of Belgaum city Corporation and within the jurisdiction of the Sub Registrar, Belgaum, bounded on the : East by : Property bearing CTS no. 3115/1, West by : Property bearing CTS no. 3116/2B, South by : Bhangi passage(Road) and, North by : Khade Bazaar Road.		**Rs. 7,24,84,000/-**	**Rs. 72,48,400/-**
		Property No.5: I : (a) Non-agricultural property forming southern part of CTS No: 446A/MF measuring 38 Sq. yards (out of total 76 Sq. Yards) **(b)** Non- Agricultural property bearing CTS No:446B measuring 72 Sq. yards **(c)** 1/3rd share in non-agricultural property bearing CTS No. 445/1/MF measuring 106 Sq. yards (88.63 Sq. mtr) **(d)** 1/3rd share in non-agriculture property bearing CTS No. 445/2 measuring 54 Sq. yards (45.15 Sq. Mtr) and ground and first floor of commercial complex known as Shiva Shakti Complex of Market Fort near Vivekananda Circle, Dharwad coming within the jurisdiction of ward No. 12 of Hubli Dharwad Municipal Corporation which are together with bounded as follows: East : Road, West : Road, North : Remaining Part of CTS No. 446A, South : CTS No: 443+444. **II :** 2/3rd Share (960 Sq. Ft) in non agricultural property bearing CTS No. 445/1, measuring 106 Sq. Yards and CTS No: 445/2 Measuring 54 sq. yards and ground and first floor of commercial complex known as Shiva Shakti Complex of Market Fort near Vivekananda Circle, Dharwad coming within the jurisdiction of ward No. 12 of Hubli Dharwad Municipal corporation which are together with bounded as follows: East : Road, West : Road, North : CTS No. 446B, South : CTS No. 443.		**Rs. 6,74,05,000/-**	**Rs. 67,40,500/-**
		Property No.6: All that piece and parcel of lands bearing CTS No. 2635 and 2599/1, new No. 2625, 50/1, 50/4, situated at Station Road, Hubli, CTS Ward NO. 1, measuring 892 Sq. yards or 8,028 Sq. Ft. and 307 Sq. yard or 2,763 Sq. Ft respectively, in all measuring 1,199 Sq. yards or 10,791 Sq. Ft. bounded as follows: East by : Coen Road, West by : Property bearing CTS Nos. 2599/2, 2598/2A, 2598/2B & 2598/C, North by : Station Road, and South by : Property bearing CTS Nos. 2600 & 2608, **Schedule – B :** Out of the above, all that piece and parcel of Commercial Block Nos. 1 & 2, in First Floor and commercial Block Nos. 1 & 2 in Second Floor, measuring 1,655 Sq. Ft. and 2,026 Sq. Ft. Constructed on the above property, having total built area of 3,681 Sq. Ft., with the right to use all common areas such as passages, lobbies, lift space, staircases and other common areas, together with 16% undivided share, right, title in the above mentioned property (which works out to 1,726.56 Sq. Ft.).		**Rs. 7,78,30,000/-**	**Rs. 77,83,000/-**
		Property No.7: All the piece and parcel of Non-agricultural commercial converted lands bearing R.S. No.392, T.S. No. 65(IV-5-65), Katha No. 3912, Situated at Kasaba Bazar Village, Mangalore Tq., now situated at K.S. Rao Road, Mangalore measuring 8.73 cents (out of 11 guntas), together with building standing Thereon , bounded on the: East by : Road, West by : Survey Line, North by : Road, and South by : Survey Line.		**Rs.

Hating people because of their colour is wrong. And it doesn't matter which color does the hating. It's just plain wrong

Muhammad Ali

STOCK MARKET BULLS MOCK CENTRAL BANK FEARS

THE THIRD EYE

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ONE of the most profound observations about life is enunciated in the Mahabharata. In the section Aranya Parva, Yaksha asks Yudhishthira what is most mystifying or wonderful in the world. Yudhishthira points out "Day after day countless creatures are going to the abode of Yama, yet those that remain behind believe themselves to be immortal." The world is perpetually split and moving between fears of mortality and hopes for immortality.

This week the chiefs of the US Federal Reserve, the European Central Bank, the Bank of England and the Bank of Japan met at the ECB Forum in Sintra, Portugal. The message: inflation is sticky, more restriction is required, more rate hikes will follow and it is not clear if recession can be avoided. The message added to the cacophony of cautionary advice and fears.

The warnings, however, are bouncing off the bulls. In 1998, as headlines screamed worries following the Asian Contagion Peter Lynch, the legendary investor, said famously: "The world will be OK. I have read the constitution. I've read the bill of rights," and added that he didn't see anything which said there must be a recession. Stock market bulls are as dismissive as Lynch and are scoffing at central bank theories.

Take India where the BSE Sensex and the Nifty 50 – benchmark indices – touched new highs. The Sensex rose 804 points and closed at 64718 and the Nifty50 rose 216 points to close 19189 points. The highlight of the surge in India is the emergence of a banking behemoth comparable to global giants. HDFC Bank following the merger with the housing finance giant HDFC is now valued at around $172 billion. It will be the fourth largest bank ahead of Morgan Stanley and behind J P Morgan, Bank of America and ICBC. The merged entity will rank 63rd, up from 94th on the world market cap rankings.

India is the fastest growing large economy and given FII inflows of over $10 billion in this fiscal arguably the rise in valuation is explainable. Fact is despite headline attention, Sensex and Nifty50 are up by less than 7 per cent in calendar 2023. In stark contrast, indices in Europe and the United States -- where recession is forecast to be round the corner -- the S&P 500 is up 15 per cent, the NASDAQ is up 32 per cent the best first six months since 1983 and Euro Stoxx is up 15 per cent.

For sure the tech sector in the United States did slide into a downturn last year reflected in the pink slip series resulting in thousands being laid off. This afflicted its valuation resulting in the NASDAQ sliding by over 33 per cent in calendar 2022. It could also be argued that its rebound in 2023 is powered in part by the promise of generative AI. Europe scarcely has an AI halo around its story. And despite fears about the poor recovery in China's growth, the German DAX is up 15.3 per cent and the French CAC 40 up 14.3 per cent. Stocks in the advanced economies have reported double digit returns. In the US, where the US Fed has hiked rates for 12 months in a row, stock market indices are positioned to finish at their highest in 14 months.

The saga is best expressed by the stock valuation of Apple. The market value of the blue chip touched $ 3.1 trillion this week – if Apple was a country and its valuation the GDP, it would rank the sixth largest economy in the world. And unlike other tech stocks, Apple had no great story to speak of on generative AI. Despite setbacks and criticism of performance in China Apple shares are up 55 per cent for the year to date period.

Global economies are witnessing a paradoxical cohabitation of central bank pessimism, stock market optimism and robust private consumption and demand. Consumer confidence in the US is the highest since January 2022. Moody's Investor Service estimates US companies are sitting over $ 2 trillion in cash. The buoyancy is reflected in the revision of US GDP for the first quarter from 1.3 to 2 per cent. It raises question on the efficacy of rate hikes given the level of money pumped and flowing through the system.

On Monday, IMF deputy Managing Director Gita Gopinath spoke about "Three Uncomfortable Truths for monetary Policy" at the ECB Forum. Gopinath invoked imagery from Samuel Becket's play 'Waiting for Godot' to make her point. The three truths: inflation is stickier; policy action could aggravate tensions between price and financial stability objectives and the likelihood of upside inflation risks. On Wednesday, ECB chief Christine Lagarde coined the phraseology of "lingering inflation" and US Fed Chief Jerome Powell stated that he didn't see inflation coming down "to 2% core before 2025."

The real uncomfortable truth is that structural issues are fuelling persistent inflation -- Brexit in Britain, demographic shifts in the US and Europe, the geopolitics of pricing of energy and goods and resistance to labour mobility in advanced economies. The context begs the question if the 2 per cent target is honest and realistic. The assertions of persisting with higher rates signal implications for global growth – particularly in developing economies.

The time has come for honest informed debate. This September the Heads of State will meet at the G20 Summit to be held in New Delhi. It would be a good place to begin the conversation.

THE MAITRA COMMITTEE MINDSET

OPINION

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POSTERITY remembers S K Maitra. Once Joint Secretary and Legislative Counsel, Ministry of Law and Justice, he was extremely powerful, once upon a time. His views stood him in good stead. He wrote (in a report I will soon mention), "It was the genius and foresight of the then Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, which were responsible for the enactment of the Standards of Weights and Measures Act, 1956, whereby a uniform system of weights and measures, namely, the metric system, was adopted in India." There were two doses of bank nationalisation, 1969 and 1980. The first was done through an ordinance in July 1969, subsequently formalised through Parliament. That ordinance was passed on July 19, 1969. Legal scholars (including Granville Austin) have told us on the evening of July 18, PMO instructed S K Maitra to draft the ordinance nationalising fourteen banks. S K Maitra featured in the preliminaries too. Earlier, in 1968, Banking Regulation Act (1949) was amended to increase "social control" over banks. To draft the Bill, Lok Sabha formed a Select Committee, and Maitra, still Joint Secretary (JS), was "legislative counsel". True, that was a different age. Even then, the average JS does not wield that kind of clout.

In 2018, Jairam Ramesh published an extremely well-researched book on the lives of P N Haksar and Indira Gandhi. That detailed sections on bank nationalisation highlighted the roles of P N Haksar, K N Raj, P N Dhar, A Bakshi (Deputy Governor, RBI) and D N Ghosh (then Banking Division, later, Chairman, SBI). According to the Jairam account, the decision was taken on July 18, 1969. "The next day, Ghosh writes, the prime minister herself summoned him in the morning. She wanted to be convinced that the legislative draft for the nationalisation of banks could actually be prepared in less than 24 hours. When she was told that such a draft had, in fact, existed from the end of 1963 when the nationalisation of five banks had first been considered, she appeared to relax and swore Ghosh to absolute secrecy, saying that in case of any hitch, he should apprise PNH (Haksar)." In other words, there was no need for SK Maitra to do any drafting. At best, some tweaking would be required.

But S K Maitra was involved in other things too. There must be standards for weights and measures. We have the Legal Metrology Act (2009), which repealed the Standards of Weights and Measures Act (1976) and the Standards of Weights and Measures (Enforcement) Act (1985). The current 2009 Act used to have imprisonment provisions for offences until the Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Bill (yet to become an Act) removed them. Before the 1976 statute, there was the 1956 one, attributed to Jawaharlal Nehru's genius and foresight. Before 1956, standards varied throughout the country, and other than the metric push, the 1956 statute unified these and didn't exceed that brief. Specifically, 1956 mentioned nothing about offences and penalties in the main body of the statute. That was left to State-level Acts, enforcement by States, and rules. The late 1960s and 1970s were a period when the visible and heavy hand of the State manifested itself, not only in economic policy formulation but also legislation flowing from that interventionist policy. FERA (1947) and FERA (1973) illustrate this contrast in stringency, as do Essential Commodities Act (1955) and Essential Commodities Special Provisions Act (1981). 1976, matched against 1956, mirrors that pattern. Invariably, there were learned committees that provided ammunition for tightening up. MRTP Act (1969) fed on Hazari Committee (1967) and Dutt Committee (1969). Similarly, the Standards of Weights and Measures Act (1976) is fed on Maitra Committee, which is why SK Maitra deserves greater recognition by posterity more than bank nationalisation alone.

Maitra (still JS) chaired this Committee on Weights and Measures (Law Revision) and submitted its report to Commerce Ministry in 1972 with a Bill that would become the 1976 statute. This incorporated meticulous research, harking back to Kautilya's "Arthashastra". But since that was the era of Jan Avishwas, there was also detailed research on the unscrupulous. Sample the following. "Most of the sellers of sweets have developed a practice of weighing sweets along with the cardboard boxes in which they are delivered to the consumer across the counter." The weight of a cardboard box is 1/10th that of sweets. That was the Committee's finding. One kg of sweets, back then, cost between 80 paise to 1 rupee and 20 paise. With that 10% norm applied, an average sweetmeat shop made an unwarranted profit of Rs 5 to 10 per hour. Extrapolated to an entire year (of 300 working days), the range of unwarranted profits was a colossal (at the time) Rs 18,000 to Rs 36,000 per year. This could not continue. "The shopkeeper who makes an extra profit by such sharp practice is not ordinarily expected to give up such lucrative practice unless the law provides deterrent sentences for its violation. In the circumstances, the Committee feels that it is essential that the punishment for the contravention of the laws should be so deterrent that a person may not be tempted to contravene the law for the second time. It has, therefore, been provided that although the first offence relating to short weightment or short measurement will be punishable only with a fine, the second or subsequent offence would invariably be punishable with imprisonment, to which a fine may be added. The Committee hopes that the provision for imprisonment for a second or subsequent offence will prove to be a real deterrent."

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That last sentence says it all. In any event, fines are measly amounts. Who takes them seriously? To borrow an expression associated with Kautilya, "danda" means the staff of chastisement through imprisonment. In fairness to the Maitra Committee, this was the flavour of the times. "Such need is greater in a developing country like India where the progress made by developed countries in centuries is sought to be achieved in decades." Posterity has a different take on what the decades of the 1960s and 1970s meant for India. They were lost development decades precisely because of legislation like the 1976 Standards of Weights and Measures Act. In documenting that loss, let us not forget the Maitra Committee and the mindset the Maitra Committee represented. All too often, political leadership is blamed for lost development decades. But that leadership fed on such advice.

PASOORI AND THE PERSISTENCE OF OUTRAGE

OPINION

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THIS week I have been a lonely warrior on social media, refusing to wage a battle against the Bollywood remix of 'Pasoori'. For those who have come in late, the Hindi version of Pakistani artistes Ali Sethi and Shae Gill's global megahit is called 'Pasoori Nu', which has been sung by Arijit Singh and Tulsi Kumar, written by Gurpreet Saini, and composed by Rochak Kohli for the new Sameer Vidwan's romance, Satyaprem Ki Katha, starring Kartik Aaryan and Kiara Advani.

The insanely catchy original, an amalgamation of eclectic musical traditions from across the world—classical, folk, and pop—was released on February 6, 2022, on Coke Studio Pakistan and has posted several milestones since then. According to Spotify, it was the most streamed Pakistani song globally in 2022. It was Google Trend's most searched song for 2022 and became the first Coke Studio Pakistan music video to hit 500 million views on YouTube in January this year.

What's more, the single has seen several cover versions and DJ remixes, including an Afrobeats remix by Coke Studio Africa in collaboration with artistes Marwan Moussa and Reekado Banks.

Why, then, is there so much hullabaloo over the Indian rendition? To my not-so-musically evolved ears, it didn't sound as cacophonous or jarring (Singh, in fact, is quite finely tuned) as it has to the diehard fans whose sentiments appear to have been hurt beyond repair. While in no way defending the questionable remix culture itself on which copious amounts have already been written, one can't overlook the fact that 'Pasoori Nu' is an authorized version and has been done with the permission of the creators who would have been paid a handsome fee for the rights. Then why is the world going wild with hatred? "We are fans. We own it too," Australia based writer-podcaster-academician Saadia Ahmed told me on Twitter. Tough to argue with that.

The Pakistani original talks of the anguish, angst and frustration of heartbreak and separation. According to a piece in The New Yorker, "Pasoori is ostensibly about star-crossed lovers, but it's also an apt metaphor for the relationship between two countries [India and Pakistan] in perpetual conflict whose histories and cultural touchstones are entwined." In this light, metaphorically speaking, the immense popularity of the original rendered the India and Pakistan border porous; it transcended political boundaries. Now for it to lodge itself in Bollywood, the heart of Indian popular culture, with the remix is another sweet disruption, given the current ban on Pakistani artistes and films in India. The melody of 'Pasoori' can travel freely, even if Sethi and Gill can't.

But there's still more to it than the resentment around this remix. What demands our collective indignation is the chronic disorder of outrage that has been plaguing popular culture, especially on social media. Public flare-ups of this kind are no longer an exception but a rule. Ironically, they get extinguished just as fast as they are stoked. Wasn't it just yesterday that another song, 'Besharam Rang', from Pathaan, was in the eye of a massive storm? It garnered more attention than it deserved by offending us, just like 'Pasoori Nu' has managed to log in 20 million views on T Series' YouTube channel in just four days of its release on Monday, June 26. On the flip side, a question that begs answers is whether 'Besharam Rang' is playing on the loop anymore? Will' Pasoori Nu' be remembered with as much passion and as timeless as the original?

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Of late, such sound and fury help build curiosity around and draw attention to some otherwise undistinguished films and make others bigger than they would have been otherwise. Be it Pathaan or Mrs Chatterjee vs Norway, Adipurush or The Kerala Story, almost every Bollywood biggie this year, rather in the last few years, has been fuelled by controversies, backlash and boycott calls on social media. As opposed to that have been the quiet but staggering successes in the South like Por Thozhil and 2018, powered purely by their quality of storytelling.

Things have come to such a pass that many—among the audience, critics, and film fraternity itself—have started getting defensive about raising even genuine political and social concerns about certain contentious films, fearing it would lead to an infantile public discourse rather than constructive debates and discussions. Also, even a takedown willy-nilly gets channelled as an acknowledgement and validation of a film, helping market it, thereby catapulting it at the box office.

So, one is left with a bunch of questions to deal with: Are we making the undeserving movies, music, and content bigger by getting incensed? Can utter disregard be a way out? Can ignoring be a better tool for showing disapproval? Filmmaker Tanuja Chandra thinks otherwise. "What you call 'undeserving' is already big. And it'll grow. The only way to fight something unjust is to raise your voice against it," she once told me.

Ultimately, it's not about giving up on the battles entirely but picking up a war that's worth the fight. Righteous indignation is precious and powerful. One needs to exercise some thrift and prudence rather than fritter it away on the innocuous. Like a 'Pasoori Nu'.

QUOTE CORNER

By issuing this new licence to discriminate in a case brought by a company that seeks to deny same-sex couples the full and equal enjoyment of its services, the immediate, symbolic effect of the decision (of US SC) is to mark gays and lesbians for second-class status

Justice Sonia Sotomayor,
Dissenting US Supreme Court Justice

He saw an Arab face, a little kid, and wanted to take his life. Killing youngsters like this, how long is this going to last? How many mothers are going to be like me? What are they waiting for?

Mounia, Mother of teenager shot dead by French police

Kevin Spacey (Hollywood actor) is "a man who it would seem delights in making others feel powerless and uncomfortable, a sexual bully

Prosecutor Christine Agnew, London's Southwark Crown Court

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Governor's role

The role of Governor, as defined in the Constitution of India, is that of the King of England who has no political affiliation or role. In place of King in UK, we have BJP. There is a serious contradiction here on the role of Governor, who is blatantly pro-centre and anti-state where the opposition is in power. WB & TN are glaring examples.

Capt Raju Mathai, Kochi

Pakistan concern

This has reference to 'Pakistan may send security team ahead of World Cup' (July 1). Pakistan has given a hint they would probably whine over the venues allotted to them and the security installed. All the Indian venues are safe enough for any international team to come and play in. At the minimum, none of them is more perilous than the most secure Pakistani venue imaginable.

Sanath Kumar T S, Thrissur

Whimsical governor

The Tamil Nadu Governor is at it again and in spite of the constitutional provisions that he should abide by the recommendations of the Chief Minister for appointing or removing the ministers he had unilaterally dismissed a minister and had to step back from the decision after the reported intervention of the Central Home Minister. It appears that he is unfit to be a governor because of his whimsical and unlawful actions.

V Padmanabhan, Bengaluru

Modi's planning

Vinay Sahasrabuddhe has rightly pointed out in his 'Rejecting Status Quo: The Modi Way' that Prime Minister Modi has done some reformative application of mind in doing away with the status quo which he felt was not in conformity with the common people's welfare. Most spectacular of all of these is financial inclusion of the masses through the banking system and stressing upon the regulations in Aadhaar and Pan card linkage.

Jitendranath Guru, Padampur

Low rainfall

A dip in rainfall in India, heavily reliant on the monsoon for its agricultural and economic well-being, will have serious consequence. Industries relying on water, such as power generation, textiles, and manufacturing, may face operational difficulties and increased costs. Additionally, a decline in rainfall affects hydroelectric power generation.

Girish R Edathitta, Pathanamthitta

Manipur situation

Ref: "High voltage drama in Manipur" (July1). Whatever said or done, by any reckoning, it is a total failure of State and Central Governments in controlling the ethnic violence in Manipur. Time for CM to stand up and demonstrate his leadership. Running to resign looks very dramatic and does not augur well for the mature statesmanship.

K Venkatasubramanian, Coimbatore

Informative interview

The interview with RC Bhargava, Chairman Maruti Suzuki, by TNIE team on various aspects related to cars is highly informative (July 1). He has authoritatively advocated for a boost in manufacturing as well as for cut in taxes on small cars.

N A Joseph, Ettumanoor

UNSC seat

This refers to 'India criticizes delay in UNSC reforms; says it can take 75 years' (July 1). Permanent membership in the UNSC with veto power for India is long overdue. One is at a loss to understand why the UN is dragging its feet. The present UNSC is archaic, outdated, and more particularly, behind the times.

R Sampath, Chennai

Governor's move

Apropos of " Sacking of Minister by TN governor an imprudent move". It has rightly pointed out that Governor RN Ravi had acted in haste and then backtracked having sent a second letter to the CM that he would seek legal opinion. He has placed himself in an embarrassing moment. It is high time that our parliament revisit the governor's powers.

R Sridharan, Chennai

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Narendra Modi @narendramodi
The launch of 'Sickle Cell Anemia Mukti Mission' in Shahdol, Madhya Pradesh will bring a significant change in their (tribals') lives.

Shashi Tharoor @ShashiTharoor
It's not our style to poke our fingers in the eyes of foreign countries without provocation. The flag incident was a provocation and India's response was fitting.

Mehbooba Mufti @MehboobaMufti
J&K acceded to India out of choice & not complusion. Then why is it being deprived of basic fundamental rights & guarantees given by the constitution itself?

Shah bolsters 'sidelined' Raje at Udaipur rally

In public gatherings of BJP leaders, it appeared that former CM is back in favour months ahead of Assembly polls

RAJESH ASNANI @Jaipur

Vasundhara Raje Scindia takes part in a cleanliness drive outside Sheetala Mata temple in Udaipur on Saturday | PTI

UNION Home Minister Amit Shah's trip to Udaipur on Friday delivered a powerful message to the Rajasthan BJP. Shah arrived in the Lake City to address a rally and the leader of the Opposition, Rajendra Rathore, was entrusted to manage the event. During the rally, after state party chief CP Joshi's speech, Rathore wanted to invite the Union Home Minister to the stage. However, Shah signalled Rathore to invite former chief minister Vasundhara Raje before him.

This unexpected move has sparked intense speculation in political circles of the desert state, particularly fuelled by photographs showing Raje and Shah together in a car.

The BJP has chosen not to declare a chief ministerial candidate for Rajasthan for the assembly polls due later this year. Instead, the party plans to rely on the popularity of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

However, recent developments suggest that the party's top leadership may be reconsidering this strategy. A sign of this shift was seen through Raje's prominent presence at PM Modi's recent rally in Ajmer last month. During the previous elections in Rajasthan, the popular slogan was, "Vasundhara is BJP and BJP is Vasundhara." Nevertheless, due to the perceived sidelining of Raje by the leadership in recent years, the party appeared badly divided, with various leaders vying for the coveted CM post. This internal strife has left party workers puzzled, unsure of which faction to align with. The differences among influential party leaders are seen in multiple party events.

In light of these circumstances, analysts believe that the BJP's top leadership is reluctant to continue with its present experiment in Rajasthan. Instead, they may opt to declare Vasundhara Raje as the Chief Ministerial face well in advance of the elections, as they have done in the past four elections.

This move could potentially reinvigorate Raje's political career, challenging the seemingly one-sided contest faced by the Congress. Both the parties should brace themselves for an intense poll battle in the days to come.

Two big public rallies of the BJP top brass in Rajasthan in the last two days have created a buzz about the return of former CM Vasundhara Raje to the centre stage of the party.

The gestures shown by party president JP Nadda and Union Home Minister Amit Shah towards Vasundhara Raje in their public meetings at Bharatpur and Udaipur respectively have indicated that Raje may be the front-runner for the face of the party in the coming assembly elections of Rajasthan.

Raje's address on Friday also indicated that she was going to get prominence in the poll campaign of the party. She asked party workers to work hard for the elections and at the same time, warned them to not be overconfident. "Ganga khud chal kar nahin aati hai (Ganga won't come to you on its own)," said Raje to the workers.

In Bharatpur too, where Nadda came to address the public meeting on Thursday, Raje was given the chance to address the public just before Nadda. She came to the meeting with Nadda in his car and was given the due importance in the meeting.

The videos of Shah and Raje have gone viral in Rajasthan and the political corridors of the state are busy speculating about the role Raje is expected to play in the coming days.

MANOJ 'MUNTASHIR' SHUKLA

'BLASPHEMOUS' BARD IS NO STRANGER TO CONTROVERSY

KARTIK BHARDWAJ

SOURAV ROY

NEWSMAKER

WRITERS, usually, tend to keep a low profile. Poet and lyricist Manoj Muntashir Shukla (who wrote dialogues for *Adipurush*), who has over 2 million followers on YouTube, posts motivational videos, and religious and nationalistic explainers as well. A year ago, he put up a video, the title of which might sound ominous now: '*Nirdosh thhey Ram*' (Rama was innocent). The video tried to debunk the 'myth' that Lord Rama abandoned his pregnant wife Sita in the forest. He spoke of how colonial powers, in order to enslave subjects, destroy their culture first. "Burning religious scriptures is a crime," he says, "But a bigger one is to add some indecent, untrue narratives to them, and violate their purity." Shukla's words have come back to bite him, with the Allahabad High Court recently pulling up the makers of *Adipurush* over its dialogues, written by Shukla. "Suppose a small documentary was made on the Quran, can you think what kind of a serious law and order problem would have been created?" the bench stated. "Should we remain silent considering the funny manner in which the movie has been made?"

The Om Raut directorial, which stars Prabhas, Kriti Sanon, Saif Ali Khan and Sunny Singh, has been criticised for its caricaturish VFX and for its crude dialogues. Some of them are: "*Jali na*? (It burns, doesn't it?)", "*Teri bua ka bageecha hain kya jo hawa khane chala aaya*? (Is this your aunt's garden where you can roam freely?)", "*Kapda tere baap ka, tel tere baap ka, aag tere baap ki toh jalegi bhi tere baap ki* (Your father's cloth, your father's oil, your father's fire, will only burn down your father)." Initially, Shukla defended his words and stated in an interview that 'meticulous thought' had gone into writing them. "We have made it simple... Multiple characters in a film can't speak the same language. There has to be a diversion, a division."

Later, he went on to declare that *Adipurush* wasn't an adaptation of the *Ramayana* but only an 'inspiration'. This was in stark contrast with his statements before the film's release. In an interview in October 2022, when asked if they were trying to explore new possibilities with the film, he had said, "The *Ramayana* that people have heard, read, and seen, [*Adipurush*] is the exact same *Ramayana*, there's nothing different [in it]."

There's some back-and-forth even in his name. Manoj Muntashir Shukla was born Manoj Shukla... on February 27, 1976, to a farming family in Uttar Pradesh's Amethi. He graduated from Allahabad University in 1999 and moved to Mumbai to seek work. He started his writing career with penning scripts for the game-show *Kaun Banega Crorepati* and has credited Amitabh Bachchan for the opportunity. Then came *India's Got Talent* and *Indian Idol Junior*. He also wrote the Hindi dialogues for Telugu-language films *Baahubali: The Beginning* (2015) and *Baahubali 2: The Conclusion* (2017), in addition to Marvel's *Black Panther* (2018). Shukla has cited writer-duo Salim-Javed as his influences.

Shukla dropped his birth surname and added *'Muntashir'* (meaning 'widespread' or 'scattered') back in the 90s when he started out as a lyricist. He had heard the term in Habib Hashmi's couplet on the radio. "Felt like Shukla didn't have enough weight," he had said in an interview. He added the 'Shukla' back in his name recently and stated in another conversation that he did so after the Urdu word *'Muntashir'* was 'questioned' after he began raising voice in "national interest". "When I realised that it's necessary to be a Shukla now, I became a Shukla," he had said.

As a lyricist, Shukla penned songs like '*Teri Galliyan*' from *Ek Villain* (2014), *'Kaun Tujhe'* from *MS Dhoni—The Untold Story* (2016) and *'Tere Sang Yaara'* from *Rustom* (2016). He earned acclaim for his 2019 patriotic song *'Teri Mitti'* from the film *Kesari* but was sour after he lost the FilmFare award for Best Lyrics to *Gully Boy's 'Apna time aayega'*. Shukla said, "Will not attend an awards function, till I breathe my last."

As you would have it, *'Teri Mitti'* was found to be similar to the 1964 film *Haqeeqat's* song *'Kar chale hum fida'* written by Kaifi Azmi. Shukla has been accused of plagiarism other times too. In his clarification, the writer had then stated, "None of my creations are 100% original. File petitions against me and I will respect every decision of the court... "

After *Adipurush's* dialogues were labelled "blasphemous", he said that he and the makers had decided to alter the contentious dialogues. "The lesson of Rama's story is to respect every sentiment," he stated. "...Then why were you so quick to label me as being against *sanatan*?"

Hindu Sena files caveat in SC in Shri Krishna Janmabhoomi case

SHRUTI KAKKAR @New Delhi

THE Hindu Sena on Saturday filed a caveat application in the Supreme Court regarding the Shri Krishna Janmabhoomi-Shahi Idgah Mosque dispute, challenging the Allahabad High Court's May 26 order to transfer the case from the Mathura court to itself.

The Hindu devotees involved in the suit claim the right to the land on which the mosque is built. The applicants in the civil suit have requested a declaration and injunction, asserting the Hindu community's right over the Idgah mosque. The plea argues that the mosque was constructed after demolishing Hindu temples and cannot be considered a mosque since no Waqf was ever established.

The caveat, filed by Hindu Sena president Vishnu Gupta, urges the Supreme Court to instruct the Allahabad High Court to refrain from issuing any orders without granting proper notice to the petitioner. It states that Bhagwan Bal Krishna, represented by Vishnu Gupta, is the respondent in the case and that the High Court should not issue any orders before hearing the Hindu side.

The plea further states, "Let nothing be done in the above-mentioned matter without prior notice to the undersigned. Bhagwan Bal Shri Krishna, represented by Mr Vishnu Gupta, whose Vakalatnama is attached herewith, was a respondent in the concerned matter before the High Court of Judicature at Allahabad."

The High Court's May 26 order was issued in response to a petition filed by Bhagwan Shri Krishna Virajman at Katra Keshav Dev Khewat Mathura, through Ranjana Agnihotri and seven others. The petition argued that the Krishna Janmabhoomi case in Mathura holds national importance and should be heard in the High Court.

A file picture of the Shahi Idgah mosque

Educate people on our ideology & work: Nadda to party leaders

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @New Delhi

BJP national president JP Nadda, during his meetings with the saffron party's various fronts and general secretaries at its headquarters on Saturday, said that the party is dedicated to the people.

"It is our responsibility to work at every level to ensure comprehensive development of individuals from all segments of society. Our aim is not merely to win elections, but to make India a self-reliant and developed nation, known as 'Viksit Naya Bharat'," he said.

Nadda emphasized the vital roles of all the fronts in disseminating the party's ideologies to the people. The objective is to build a vibrant 'Vikashit Bharat' through a politics of pro-poor development, ensuring 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas,' and 'Sabka Prayas,' under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, he said.

During the gathering of the party's leaders from all fronts, including the Youth Morcha, OBC Morcha, Mahila Morcha, ST Morcha, SC Morcha and Minority Morcha, Nadda reviewed reports on the performance and success of outreach programmes of each front.

A senior functionary of one of the fronts said that Nadda thoroughly discussed the initiatives, urging the front chiefs to continue their efforts in establishing a stronger connection with the people. "With less than a year remaining for the Lok Sabha elections, the party is leaving no stone unturned in serving the nation at the Central and state levels. Today's meetings involved extensive discussions on various issuess such as the Uniform Civil Code (UCC), welfare schemes, opposition unity and matters related to the welfare of the electorate," remarked a source.

The outcomes of the activities undertaken during the recently concluded 'Maha Jan Sampark Abhiyan' also got significant attention at the meets.

Nadda stressed the importance of widely disseminating the government's work for the benefit of the poor.

"The meeting extensively covered the upcoming elections in several states and the general election, where it was agreed to counter the opposition by highlighting the government's performance instead of getting involved in less important issues," said a source.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the 17th Indian Cooperative Congress at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi on Saturday | PTI

GOVT SPENDING ₹6.5L CR YEARLY ON FARMERS

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, speaking at the 17th Indian Cooperative Congress on Saturday, asserted that his government is making substantial investments of over ₹6.5 lakh crore annually to boost the agriculture sector, improve farmers' incomes and enhance their welfare. Modi emphasized the importance of cooperatives becoming "carriers of social and national policy" rather than being driven by politics.

Centre seeks to expedite repatriation of 308 Indians lodged in Pakistan's prisons

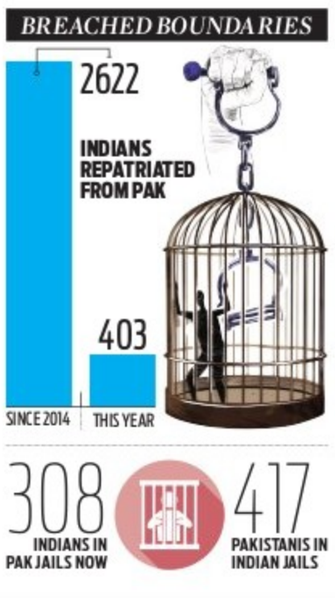
YESHI SELI @New Delhi

INDIA and Pakistan exchanged the list of civilian prisoners and fishermen in each other's custody, via diplomatic channels, simultaneously at New Delhi and Islamabad on Saturday. Under the provisions of the 2008 Agreement on Consular Access, such lists are exchanged every year on January 1 and July 1.

India has shared a list of 343 civilian prisoners and 74 fishermen in its custody, who are Pakistanis or are believed to be Pakistanis. Similarly, Pakistan has shared a list of 42 civilians and 266 fishermen, who are Indians or are believed to be.

"The government has called for early release and repatriation of civilian prisoners, missing Indian defence personnel, and fishermen along with their boats, from Pakistan's custody. Pakistan was asked to expedite the release and repatriation of 254 Indian fishermen and four Indian civilian prisoners, who have completed their sentence," according to the Ministry of External Affairs.

Pakistan has also been asked to provide immediate consular access to the remaining 12 fishermen and 14 civilian prisoners in its custody, who are believed to be Indians. Pakistan has been requested to ensure the safety, security and welfare of all Indian civilians and fishermen in custody and those who are believed to be Indians, pending their repatriation.



Security beefed up as Kutch new smugglers' heaven

AMIT MUKHERJEE @New Delhi

AFTER the Central government mounted strict vigil along the international borders falling in Punjab and Jammu & Kashmir, the shoreline of Gujarat's Kutch district is emerging as the new haven for drug smugglers operating from across India's borders.

With regular incidents of high-grade narcotics consignments being washing ashore along the coastline of Gujarat, especially in the Jakhau region of Kutch, the Ministry of Home Affairs has red-flagged the area with coastal security agencies, including the Border Security Force (BSF), being asked to mount additional vigil.

Since the middle of April this year, 29 packets of charas weighing over 30 kilograms have been recovered off Jakhau coast. According to BSF sources, "The recoveries have reached an average frequency of a packet of consignment almost every day. Most consignments are products believed to be originating in Afghanistan. In fact, the last charas recovery from the area this week bears the label of 'Afghan Product' printed on its packaging."

Afghan drugs wash up, one consignment a day

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Sources say these are consignments that are "being brought into the country from the high seas by trawlers operating under the garb of venturing out for fishing."

Often, the smugglers dump their products due to fear of the various security agencies patrolling the area.

With consignments being recovered regularly from its deserted beaches, the Union government has already sanctioned ₹164 crore to set up eight coastal outposts for BSF along the Medi-Jakhau coast in Kutch, to ensure round-the-clock surveillance of the area.

It has already set up and is operating five of the 18 coastal outposts and one OP Tower at Lakhpatwari in Sir Creek area from Okha. The tower will augment domination and ensure round-the-clock presence of BSF troops in the region.

According to BSF sources, while the focus has been on the western frontiers of Punjab, which has been a known as a dump for drugs from Pakistan, Kutch of late has been in focus due to an unusual spike in the amount of drug haul.

RENAMING LANSDOWNE
The Lansdowne Cantonment Board has passed a proposal to rename the town, a popular tourist spot in the Pauri district of Uttarakhand, as 'Jaswantgarh' after the 1962 India-China war hero Jaswant Singh

2 TEENS DROWN IN RAINWATER-FILLED DITCH IN UP

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	34	28	Mumbai	30	27
Bhopal	31	25	Panaji	30	27
Jaipur	32	27	Patna	35	27
Amritsar	36	29	Lucknow	31	27
Chennai	32	27	Port Blair	29	27
Kolkata	34	28	Imphal	29	22
Srinagar	31	14	Chandigarh	35	26

Manipur situation fast returning to normal: Himanta

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @Guwahati

ASSAM Chief Minister and BJP leader Himanta Biswa Sarma on Saturday claimed the situation in strife-torn Manipur is fast returning to normal and it will improve further in the next one week or so.

"The situation is Manipur is improving day by day. I am of the view that there will be more improvement in the next one week or 10 days," Sarma told journalists. "I can tell you with a guarantee that there is much improvement in the situation than what it was one month back," he added.

The CM said the Manipur government and the Union home ministry were working round the clock for restoring normalcy. The last incident of violence in the state occurred on Thursday morning. Two persons were killed and as many others were injured in a gunfight.

"We are in constant touch with the stakeholders. Even yesterday (Friday), there was a meeting in Assam and another in Delhi. Then, two days ago, there was a meeting in Imphal. A whole lot of discussions are going on with various stakeholders," Sarma said.

He was confident there will be further improvement in the overall situation because of the ongoing efforts of Manipur government and Union home minister Amit Shah.

Sarma, who is also the convenor of non-Congress conglomerate of political parties 'North East Democratic Alliance', was hopeful that a time would come when there would be reconciliation between the Meiteis and the Kukis – the two communities locked in the conflict.

He criticised the Congress for "crying" over Manipur when the state is now relatively peaceful. "The Congress should have cried when the situation was volatile. At that point in time, they did neither go to Manipur nor comment on the state," Sarma said.

Defence secy in Myanmar

Amidst violence in Manipur, Defence Secretary Giridhar Aramane paid an official visit to Myanmar from June 30 to July 1. He called on Chairman, State Administrative Council Senior General Min Aung Hlaing in Nay Pyi Taw. The visit was to raise matters on India's security and discuss border issues.

Rajnath woos tribals in Bastar ahead of polls in Chhattisgarh

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

WITH the support of tribals seen as crucial by political parties, defence minister Rajnath Singh on Saturday asserted that the deciding factor behind creating a separate state of Chhattisgarh by the then Atal Bihari Vajpayee government was done keeping in mind the welfare of the tribal communities and giving them their due rights.

Addressing a public meeting at tribal-dominated Kanker district, about 150 km south of Raipur, Singh said, "Adivasis left behind by hundreds of years needed to be taken along on the path of development and growth. For this very reason, the Jharkhand state too was carved out. Congress has ruled the country for a very long time but never created any state intended for the welfare of tribal communities. It's the BJP that also created a separate ministry of tribal welfare".

"Have you ever thought that a daughter from a tribal community can reach the highest constitutional post to become the President. The Modi government for the first time in the history of India earmarked separate budgetary allocation of ₹90,000 crore for the development of tribal communities.

SEC to deploy Central forces on day of Bengal rural polls

BJP raises doubts on neutrality of security personnel posted by state

PRANAB MONDAL @ Kolkata

AMID continuing violence ahead of the panchayat elections claiming 11 lives since June 9 and allegations of opposition parties accusing the TMC of unleashing terror, the State Election Commission (SEC) issued a notification revealing its plan to use the Central Armed Paramilitary Force (CAPF) on the day of the rural polls on July 8, without mentioning whether central force personnel will guard the polling booths, a demand raised by oppositions.

The BJP, the principal opposition of the TMC, alleged it was a state poll panel's ploy to help the ruling party in those booths where saffron camp's candidates are contesting.

In the notification, the SEC mentioned CAPF shall be deployed for area domination, Naka Checking, confidence building measures, international or inter-state check points and for patrolling etc.

"CAPF shall especially be deployed in the places for patrolling, route marches and other confidence building measures where political violence, complaints of intimidation or threat have been received by Commission or Districts and Police administration. CAPF shall invariably be used as mobile force covering the entire district," the notification mentions.

BJP's state president Sukanta Majumdar said the notification reflects the conspiracy to loot votes in the rural polls. "The SEC is working at the behest of the ruling party and the poll panel's notification using the utilisation of the CAPF is a reflection of it. After forcing our many candidates to withdraw nominations, the ruling TMC is not planning to manipulate the poll process in those booths where our candidates are contesting. We demanded for the deployment of CAPF in every booth on several occasion," he said.

The saffron camp's 46,404 candidates have joined the rural poll fray where a total number of around 74,000 candidates will contest the panchayat elections. The Left front fielded over 44,000 candidates in the upcoming rural polls.

Following a high-pitched drama in the Calcutta High Court and Supreme Court, the decision of deployment of the CAPF was taken.

CAPF to be deployed for naka checking, inter-state check points | PTI FILE

KOLKATA DIARY

PRANAB MONDAL
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TMC to woo voters passing through city

The ruling Trinamool Congress decided to include the state capital in the process of party's campaign for the upcoming rural polls. The party decided to organise street meetings and distribute TMC's mouthpiece at both Howrah and Sealdah railway stations aiming the commuters coming from the rural parts of Bengal. "Though Kolkata has nothing to do with the panchayat elections scheduled to be held on July 8, we have planned to utilise the two gateways of the city through wich lakhs of passengers pass every day," said TMC's spokesperson Kunal Ghosh.

College to give coaching to teachers for TET

Ramakrishna Mission Residential College, Narendrapur, has decided to offer coaching for the teacher eligibility test (TET) in an attempt to raise money to tide over its financial crunch. The college has decided to offer TET, which screens teachers for primary and upper primary levels in government aided-schools. A Mission official said the college had been offering for programmes like NET. It is now expanding its services ahead of the launch of the undergraduate programme as more resources would be needed to develop infrastructure. "We are encountering fund crunch as is not getting adequate support from several quarters," he said.

No code of conduct in univ until next meet

Presidency University's dean of students announced that there will be no "code of conduct" until the next general body meeting. The withdrawal was followed by students' protests against the code of conduct. For the draft of the code, students have to take permission from the authorities before organising rally or a meeting. The dean of students, following a series of protests by students, announced that until the next body meeting, no code of conduct will be implemented. General body meetings are held between the university and student group as and when needed. "It is a partial victory for us," said a student.

UTTAR PRADESH

Yogi takes stock of development projects in state

NAMITA BAJPAI @Lucknow

CHIEF Minister Yogi Adityanath directed the authorities concerned to speed up the development work, ensuring quality and timeliness of the projects for public interest.

Presiding over a high-level department meeting, on Friday night, CM Yogi reviewed the updated status of approvals issued by the state government in relation to the budgetary provisions in the financial year 2023-24, the amount allocated by the head of the department and the amount received from the Government of India relative to the target.

The CM said that with the completion of the first quarter of financial year 2023-24, proper expenditure of the funds provided in the current budget should be ensured by all the departments.

Allocation and expenditure are expected to accelerate. Expenditure should also be reviewed at the department level. The ministers concerned should review their depart-mental status.

He laid emphasis on the plan to set up digital libraries in gram panchayats and urban wards.

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS
Pilgrims on their way to the cave shrine of Amarnath at Baltal in Ganderbal district of central Kashmir on Saturday | PTI

PM launches sickle cell eradication mission

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bhopal

WHILE maintaining that the cause of battling the dangerous genetic disease (mostly common among tribals) was close to his heart, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched on Saturday, the National Sickle Cell Anaemia Eradication Mission from tribal dominated Shahdol district of Madhya Pradesh – targeting to eradicate the genetic disorder by 2047.

On the day, when the opposition Congress released posters bearing its five assembly poll guarantees in Bhopal and the Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal announced AAP's freebies in Gwalior city of poll-bound MP, the PM asked people, particularly tribals to be alert about the "false guarantees" by political parties.

While taking a dig at the opposition parties' attempts to unite against BJP, the PM, while accusing them of speaking against the nation, added that they can't guarantee a terrorism free India.

While accusing the Congress and other opposition parties of being "anti-tribal," the PM listed out the initiatives taken by his government for welfare of tribal population, including implementing the PESA Act, starting education facilities in 4000-plus Eklvaya schools.

Heavy rainfall leads to flood-like situation in many parts of Gujarat

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

HEAVY rains flooded several regions of Gujarat in a day, with some locations receiving more than 200 mm showers, inundating low-lying areas in cities and villages.

Normal life was disrupted in a number of districts in Saurashtra and Kutch. Many districts in the Saurashtra-Kutch and south Gujarat regions received unusually severe rainfall, causing waterlogging in low-lying areas and submerging villages, according to officials. Since Friday night, some areas of the Ahmedabad city were also waterlogged, which caused significant traffic delays and inconvenienced commuters.

According to officials, villages and towns in Junagadh, Jamnagar, Kutch, Valsad, Navsari, Mehsana, and Surat were also affected by the rains. It was reported that Gandhidham railway station in Kutch was submerged.

Due to excessive showers, buildings and farmland in the neighbouring areas of Jamnagar were flooded. Water levels in some villages in Saurashtra rose to 3-4 feet, inundating both farmland and residential areas. Furthermore, portions of Mangrol and Keshod in the Junagadh district are also experiencingsignificant waterlogging. Various dams of South Gujarat, Kutch, and Saurashtra Dam have been overflowing.

According to the State Emergency Operation Centre (SEOC), the Visavadar taluka in the Junagadh district had extraordinarily severe rainfall of 398 mm during the course of 24 hours that ended at 6 am on Saturday.

CM Bhupendra Patel convened an emergency meeting with government representatives at the SEOC in Gandhinagar on Friday night, and gave them instructions to concentrate on rescue and relief efforts, including evacuating residents of low-lying districts.

High alert sounded in U'khand tiger reserves against poaching incidents

NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

A high alert has been sounded in tiger reserves in Uttarakhand based on some inputs received by the Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB) regarding tiger poaching. Incidents of poaching of wildlife increased during the monsoon season in tiger reserves located across the country.

A red alert has been issued by WCCB Additional Director HV Girisha in this regard. Corbett Tiger Reserve Director Dhiraj Pandey and Rajaji Tiger Reserve Director Dr Saket Badola confirmed the red alert issued by the central agency.

Central agencies have also become alert after recent cases of tiger poaching were reported in West Bengal and Madhya Pradesh. The WCCB, a wing of the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, has issued a red alert for tiger reserves across the country, including Uttarakhand.

Speaking to this newspaper, Rajaji Tiger Reserve Director Dr Saket Badola said, "The WCCB has received some inputs related to tiger poaching, based on which the alert has been issued. Incidents of poaching of wildlife increased during the monsoon season in tiger reserves located across the country. In the last few months, cases related to tiger poaching have been exposed in two states.

Such alerts are issued by the WCCB only when it comes to know about the active presence of a group of poachers".

The directors of the tiger reserve and the field officers concerned have been instructed to increase patrolling immediately. "Intensive checking operations have been carried out in identified sensitive areas, verification of people living in tents, checking of suspected nomads in temples, railway stations, bus stations, abandoned buildings, public shelters are being carried out," said Dr Badola, director of Rajaji Tiger Reserve.

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Low apple crop this year in HP due to adverse weather

HARPREET BAJWA @Chandigarh

THERE is likely to be a 50 per cent dip in the apple crop output in Himachal Pradesh this year due to heavy rains and late snowfall. Further, the quality of the crop is also likely to be affected even as the prices go up by 30 to 60 per cent.

Sources said that as per official estimates, the apple production this year will fall be between one-and-a-half and two crore boxes as against 3.36 crore boxes last year.

For the past four years, the apple production has been around three crore boxes annually.

Since 2010, when the highest ever production level was recorded in the history of the hill state at over four crore boxes, the production has fallen below two crore boxes only thrice: in 2011, 2012 and 2018.

Talking to this newspaper, Harish Chauhan, convener of Sanyukt Kisan Manch said, "The average production is around 5 to 7 MT of apples per year. This year, due to the change in weather, heavy rains, hailstorms, cloudburst and late snowfall the apple production has declined. This is despite the fact that the area under cultivation has increased from 1,01,485 hectares in 2010 to 1,14,646 hectares in 2020," he said.

The government agencies need to study the changing weather patterns and its impact on apple and need to employ suitable technology to mitigate the impact of adverse climate conditions on apple production, Manch added.

Due to adverse weather, the quality of apples is also likely to be affected this year. But the prices fetched by the crop are likely to go up. "Last year, the average price per box was between ₹1200 to 1400. This year, it is expected to be sold at an average price of ₹1,600 to ₹1,800 per box," said Chauhan.

He said that the apple growers have been demanding that the state government implement universal carton for apple packaging (24 kg packing) to end the exploitation by middleman and commission agents who supply oversized and overweight apple cartons which are anywhere between 28 to 42 kg.

Apple growers are also worried at the move of the Union government to slash import duty on apple sourced from the US from 70 per cent to 50 per cent.

They fear the 20 per cent reduction in the import duty will significantly increase the import of apple from the US and the market for their premium produce will shrink.

'Need to study changing weather pattern'

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that, My Client **B.S. JAYANTH,** S/o Srinivasamurthy, R/at No.1026, 3RD MAIN, T-BLOCK, AECS LAYOUT, MARATHAHALLI, BENGALURU-560037, Mobile : 9880763112, is intending to purchase the Schedule-'B'-Property from its owner Mr. S.VENKATESHWARA RAO, Son of Late Rangaiah, Presently Residing at VASAVI SHANTHINEKETAN APARTMENTS D-124, WHITE FILED, KONDAPUR, HYDERABAD-500034, the Vendor and the Purchaser have entered into AGREEMENT OF SALE on 18TH APRIL 2023. If Anyone Person/s, firm, company, institution, organization or establishment, is/are having any right, title, interest, share, or objections in respect of Schedule-'B'-Property is hereby required to intimate in writing to the undersigned or may contact the undersigned with documentary proof, within 15 days hereof, and Any claim made after the stipulated period, will not be considered, it will be presumed that there is / are no claims and will not be valid, such person/s shall be considered as waived and not binding on my Clients and my Client will proceed with completion of sale transaction of the Schedule-'B'-Property on / in his name.

SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Site No. 31 and 32, Converted Survey No.38/1, bearing order No. ALN SR (3) 10/80-81 situated at Chinnappanahalli Village, Krishnarajapuram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore and measuring to an extent of East to West : 80 Feet and North to South on Eastern side 58 Feet and Western side 59 Feet, and totally measuring 4680 Square feet along with all right, appetences whatsoever, whether underneath or above the surface and bounded by: **on the East:** Road, **on the West:** Road, **on the North:** Private Property, and **on the South:** Plot Nos. 30 and 33.

SCHEDULE-'B'-PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of residential Apartment No. PH-1, in 4th Floor, of SAI PRADHAM RESIDENCY, built on Schedule-'A'-Property and measuring 1025 Sq.Ft of Super Built up area approximately, which inclusive of proportionate share in common area, passages, lobbies, staircases and other areas, of common use with one covered car parking space at stilt floor together with 282 Sq.Ft undivided share right, title and interest ownership in the land in Schedule-'A'-Property and the apartment is bounded by: **East by:** Corridor, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Flat No. PH-2, and **South by:** Private Property.

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DEMAND NOTICE

Notice under Sec. 13 (2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002

Whereas at the request of you, (below mentioned borrowers/guarantors) **Indian Bank, Devanahalli Branch** has granted credit facilities from time to time by way of financial assistance against various assets creating security interest in favour of the Bank. The particulars of properties mortgaged by you by way of deposit of title deeds creating security interest in favour of the bank are mentioned here under. As you have failed to discharge the debt due to the Bank, the below mentioned loan accounts have been classified as Non performing Assets as per the guidelines issued by the **Reserve Bank of India.**

Name of the Borrower: 1) Sriramappa, S/o. Munivenkatappa, No.1, Haleru Village, Nandagudi Hobli, Hosakote Taluk-562122, Bengaluru Rural District. **2) Mr S Muralidhara, S/o. Sriramappa,** No4, First Floor, Padmavathi Mansion, Ward No.2, Tippu Sultan Road, Devanahalli Town, Bengaluru Rural District. **Date of NPA on 30/07/2019 Outstanding Amount: Rs.25,55,885/-** as on 26/06/2023 + Interest and Expenses thereon. ***Mortgaged Assets*** **:** The property bearing khatha no.418/20 and site no.20, at nandagudi Village, Nandagudi Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District-562122 measuring east to west 25 feet and north to south 40 feet measuring in all 1000 sq.ft **Bounded on:** east by Site No.21; west by site no.19; north by road and south by own property of the borrower.

If you fail to repay the above mentioned amount due by you with future interest and incidental expenses, costs as stated above in terms of this notice under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, within 60 days from the date of this notice, the Bank will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under Sub-Section (4) of the Section 13 of SARFAESI Act and other applicable provisions of the said Act. This notice is without prejudice to the Bank's right to initiate such other actions or legal proceedings, as it deem necessary under any other Provisions of Law.

Date: 26.06.2023 **Authorised Officer**
Place: Devanahalli **Indian Bank**

Town Municipal Council Office, Gajendragad

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Email - itstaff_ulb_gajendragad@yahoo.in
Sl.N.TMC/Legacy Waste/E-Tender/2023-24 Date: 01.07.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION

In terms of the Karnataka Transparency Act 1999-2000 and as per e-procurement system for 2023-24 Bio-Remedation of Legacy Waste under SBM 2.0 and municipal fund, tenders are invited by eligible contractors who are registered under PWD, for further details eligible contractors can go through the e-Procurement web site: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/kppp or www.gajendragadatown.mrc.gov.in/ and submit the tenders through online only as per mentioned date.(1) Tender submission last date and time through E -Procurement : **31-07-2023** 4.00 PM (2) DMA/2023-24/OW/WORK_INDENT678) Rs. **199.89** Lakhs

Sd/- Chief Officer Town Municipal Council, Gajendragad **Sd/- Administration Town Municipal Council, Gajendragad**

DIPR/Gadag/KSMCA/44/2023-24

Karnataka Solar Power Development Corporation Limited

(CIN: U40107KA2015PLC079223)
No. 6/13/1, KREDL Building, 5th Floor, 10th Block, Nagarabhavi, 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560 072.
No.: KSPDCL/2023-24/FD-01 Date: 01.07.2023

E-Auction Notification

The Karnataka Solar Power Development Corporation Limited (KSPDCL) hereby invites bids for e-auction for investment of 60% and 40% of KSPDCL funds through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal, Government of Karnataka. Bid documents will be available in the KPP Portal **(www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in)** on or after **03.07.2023.**

Note: KSPDCL reserves the right to annul the bidding process and invite fresh bids without liability or obligation for such invitation and without assigning any reasons.

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF E-AUCTION SALE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

(In terms of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act 2002)

Whereas the Authorized Officer of the Bank has issued a Demand notice under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI ACT 2002 and thereafter in exercise of powers under Section 13(12) of SARFAESI ACT 2002 has taken possession of properties mortgaged to Bank under Section 13(4) of the SARFAESI ACT 2002. The undersigned in the capacity of Authorized Officer has decided for sale of the following properties to public by E-auction and invite bids from the intending purchasers for purchase of immovable properties mentioned hereunder on **"AS IS WHERE IS" & "AS IS WHAT IS"** basis.

Sl. No.	Name & Address of Borrower/Guarantor	a) Date of Demand Notice b) Date of Possession c) Present Outstanding dues.	a) Date & Time for Inspection of Propery b) Last date for submission of EMD c) Date & Time E-auction	a) Reserve Price b) EMD Amount c) Bid Increase Amount
1	**Borrower: S Kiran Kumar and Savitha L** No.62/1 (Old No.62). PID No.133-W0145-59, Binny Layout, Hampinagar, RPC Layout, Vijayanagar, Bangalore - 560104. **Co-applicant: Mrs. Savitha L W/o Mr. S Kiran Kumar**	a) 28.10.2019 b) 10.02.2020 c) Rs. 1,43,48,592.98 plus unapplied interest and costs charges etc.	a) 15.07.2023 between 10.00a.m. to 5.00 pm b) 17.07.2023 before 4.00pm c) 18.07.2023 between 1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.	a) Rs.1,90,50,000/- b) Rs.19,05,000/- c) Rs.25,000/-
	Details of Immovable Property: All that piece and parcel of the residential conversion site property approved from H.P.A bearing Plot No 30, Khatha No.1057 and Property No.1503004010120140 in the layout (named and known as (NISARGA HI-TECH Phase I Layout) formed in the land converted for non agricultural residential use (vide official memorandum no ALN (H) SR 180/2007-08, dated 17th July 2008, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Rural District), in Sy No 157/3A, Situated at Kannurhalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District measuring to an extant of East to West 15.15 m + 23.30m/2 and North to South 45.70 m + 47.30m/2 i.e., 893.95 square meters or 9622.6 square feet and bounded on: East by : Sy No 157/3A, West by : Sy No 159, North by : Road, South by : Private Property. **Property is in name of S Kiran Kumar**			
2	**Borrower: Mr. M Girish** S/o Mr. Munishamappa Sri Guruvaibhava Nilaya, KK Layout, Kannurahalli Main Road, M V Extension, Hosakote Town, Bangalore Rural – 562114 **Co-applicant: Mrs. Nagamma Y K, W/o Munishamappa**	a) 10.08.2020 b) 23.11.2020 c) Rs.58,45,784.85 plus unapplied interest and costs charges etc.	a) 15.07.2023 between 10.00a.m. to 5.00 pm b) 17.07.2023 before 4.00pm c) 18.07.2023 between 1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.	a)Rs.25,04,000/- b)Rs.2,50,400/- c)Rs.25,000/-
	Description of Immovable Property: Schedule 'A' Property - All that piece and parcel of 30 apartments bearing No. **A001, A002, A003, A005, A006, A007, A008, A009, A010, A101, A102, A103, A105, A107, A108, A109, A110, A201, A202, A205, A206, A208, A209, A210, A301, A302, A305, A306, A309 and A310** out of 80 apartments, contained in the multistored building known as **"NISARGA CAPITAL APARTMENTS"**, Katha No.1117/148/3. Constructed In Converted Land Measuring 1 (one) Acre In Sy No.148/3 of Kannurahalli Village. Kasaba Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. Converted from Agriculture to Non-Agricultural residential use vide Official Memorandum bearing ALN(HK)CR, 42/2010-11 dated 14.07.2010 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore rural District, Bangalore. **Schedule 'B' Property -** Flat bearing **No A 006,** Khata No 1117/148/3, E Khata No 150300401000120655, 'A' Wing in Ground Floor, measuring 1110 Sq Ft Super built-up area containing two bedroom together with RCC roofing, vitrified flooring, once common toilet and one attached toilet, one hall, one kitchen, together with one covered car parking space 563.05 Sq Ft undivided interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule 'A' above including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, contained in the multistoried building constructed on the Schedule 'A; property known as 'NISARGA CAPITALAPARTMENTS'. East by : Nisarga Capital Block B Apartment, West by : 2 MTR Wide Corridors, North by : Remaining Land in Sy No 148/3, South by : Flat bearing no A007. **Property is in name of Mr. M Girish**			
3	**Borrower: Mr. Hariprasad C M** S/o MC Mallikarjunaiah, No 3339, 2nd Floor, 3rd Cross, 6th Main, RPC Layout, Bangalore - 560040 **Co-applicant: Mrs. Nishitha K L W/o Mr. Hariprasad C M**	a) 16.11.2021 b) 17.03.2022 c) Rs.46,77,649.58 plus unapplied interest and costs charges etc.	a) 15.07.2023 between 10.00a.m. to 5.00 pm b) 17.07.2023 before 4.00pm c) 18.07.2023 between 1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.	a)Rs.27,20,000/- b) Rs.2,72,000/- c) Rs.25,000/-
	Description of Immovable Property: Schedule 'A' Property - All that piece and parcel of 30 apartments bearing No. **A001, A002, A003, A005, A006, A007, A008, A009, A010, A101, A102, A103, A105, A107, A108, A109, A110, A201, A202, A205, A206, A208, A209, A210, A301, A302, A305, A306, A309 and A310** out of 80 apartments, contained in the multistored building known as **"NISARGA CAPITAL APARTMENTS"**, Katha No.1117/148/3. Constructed In Converted Land Measuring 1 (one) Acre In Sy No.148/3 of Kannurahalli Village. Kasaba Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. Converted from Agriculture to Non-Agricultural residential use vide Official Memorandum bearing ALN(HK)CR, 42/2010-11 dated 14.07.2010 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore rural District, Bangalore. **Schedule 'B' Property -** Flat bearing **No A 110,** Khata No 1117/148/3, E Khata No 150300401000120670, 'A' Wing in First Floor, measuring 1143 Sq Ft Super built-up area containing two bedroom together with RCC roofing, vitrified flooring, once common toilet and one attached toilet, one hall, one kitchen, together with one covered car parking space 579.79 Sq Ft undivided interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule 'A' above including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, contained in the multistoried building constructed on the Schedule 'A; property known as 'NISARGACAPITALAPARTMENTS'. East by : Nisarga Capital Block 'B' Apartment, West by : 2 Mtr Wide Corridors, North by : Flat bearing no A109, South by : Road and Brook. **Property is in name of Mr. Hariprasad C M**			
4	**Borrower: Mr. Kirthy Nidhy Azaad** S/o Mr. U G Thipperundrappa, No 2/1, 8th Cross, Kempaiah Layout, Cholanayakanahalli, Hebbal, Bangalore - 560032 **Co-applicant: Mrs. S Nayana W/o Mr. Kirthy Nidhy Azaad**	a) 17.04.2021 b) 24.09.2021 c) Rs.47,03,207.62 plus unapplied interest and costs charges etc.	a) 15.07.2023 between 10.00a.m. to 5.00 pm b) 17.07.2023 before 4.00pm c) 18.07.2023 between 1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.	a)Rs.29,32,000/- b) Rs.2,93,200/- c) Rs.25,000/-
	Description of Immovable Property: Schedule 'A' Property - All that piece and parcel of 30 apartments bearing No. **A001, A002, A003, A005, A006, A007, A008, A009, A010, A101, A102, A103, A105, A107, A108, A109, A110, A201, A202, A205, A206, A208, A209, A210, A301, A302, A305, A306, A309 and A310** out of 80 apartments, contained in the multistored building known as **"NISARGA CAPITAL APARTMENTS"**, Katha No.1117/148/3. Constructed In Converted Land Measuring 1 (one) Acre In Sy No.148/3 of Kannurahalli Village. Kasaba Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. Converted from Agriculture to Non-Agricultural residential use vide Official Memorandum bearing ALN(HK)CR, 42/2010-11 dated 14.07.2010 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore rural District, Bangalore. **Schedule 'B' Property -** Flat bearing **No A 101,** Khata No 1117/148/3, E Khata No 150300401000120662, 'A' Wing in First Floor, measuring 1223 Sq Ft Super built-up area containing two bedroom together with RCC roofing, vitrified flooring, once common toilet and one attached toilet, one hall, one kitchen, together with one covered car parking space 620.37 Sq Ft undivided interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule 'A' above including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, contained in the multistoried building constructed on the Schedule 'A; property known as 'NISARGACAPITALAPARTMENTS'. East by : 2 MTR Wide Corridors, West by : Sy No 149 and Sy No 150, North by : Flat bearing no A102, South by : Road. **Property is in name of Mr. Kirthy Midhy Azaad**			
5	**Borrower: 1. Mr. Nagesh R N,** S/o Mr. Naganna R T, No.129 6th Cross, Bapuji Layout, Subbanna GP, Chandra Layout, Vijayanagar, Bangalore 560040 **2. Mr. Satish R N,** S/o Mr. Naganna R T No. 6, 4th corss, Ganesha Temple road, Cholurupalya, Magadi Road, Bangalore 560023 **Guarantors Mrs. Yamuna V, W/o- Nagesh R N**	a) 10.08.2020 b) 23.11.2020 c) Rs.43,18,435.44 plus unapplied interest and costs charges etc.	a) 15.07.2023 between 10.00a.m. to 5.00 pm b) 17.07.2023 before 4.00pm c) 18.07.2023 between 1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.	a) Rs.23,12,000/- b) Rs.2,31,200/- c) Rs.25,000/-
	Description of Immovable Property: Schedule 'A' Property - All that piece and parcel of 30 apartments bearing No. **A001, A002, A003, A005, A006, A007, A008, A009, A010, A101, A102, A103, A105, A107, A108, A109, A110, A201, A202, A205, A206, A208, A209, A210, A301, A302, A305, A306, A309 and A310** out of 80 apartments, contained in the multistored building known as **"NISARGA CAPITAL APARTMENTS"**, Katha No.1117/148/3. Constructed In Converted Land Measuring 1 (one) Acre In Sy No.148/3 of Kannurahalli Village. Kasaba Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. Converted from Agriculture to Non-Agricultural residential use vide Official Memorandum bearing ALN(HK)CR, 42/2010-11 dated 14.07.2010 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore rural District, Bangalore. **Schedule 'B' Property -** Flat bearing **No A 107,** Khata No 1117/148/3, E Khata No 150300401000120666, 'A' Wing in First Floor, measuring 1020 Sq Ft Super built-up area containing two bedroom together with RCC roofing, vitrified flooring, once common toilet and one attached toilet, one hall, one kitchen, together with one covered car parking space 517.40 Sq Ft undivided interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule 'A' above including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, contained in the multistoried building constructed on the Schedule 'A; property known as 'NISARGACAPITALAPARTMENTS'. East by : Nisarga Capital Block 'B' Apartment, West by : 2 MTR Wide Corridors, North by : Flat bearing no A108, South by : 2 MTR Wide Corridors. Property is in name of **Mr. Nagesh R N**			
6	**Borrower: Mr. Nandeesh T G Alias Mr. Nandeeshaiah T G** S/o Gubbanna No. 6, MIG, 1st Floor, MIG, 2nd Stage, KHB Colony, Basveshwaranagar, Banglore-560079 **Co-applicant: Mrs. Ramya M E W/o Mr. Nandeesh T G**	a) 28.10.2019 b) 17.03.2022 c) Rs.53,17,882.20 plus unapplied interest and costs charges etc.	a) 15.07.2023 between 10.00a.m. to 5.00 pm b) 17.07.2023 before 4.00pm c) 18.07.2023 between 1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.	a) Rs.24,32,000/- b) Rs.2,43,200/- c) Rs.25,000/-
	Description of Immovable Property: Schedule 'A' Property - All that piece and parcel of 30 apartments bearing No. **A001, A002, A003, A005, A006, A007, A008, A009, A010, A101, A102, A103, A105, A107, A108, A109, A110, A201, A202, A205, A206, A208, A209, A210, A301, A302, A305, A306, A309 and A310** out of 80 apartments, contained in the multistored building known as **"NISARGA CAPITAL APARTMENTS"**, Katha No.1117/148/3. Constructed In Converted Land Measuring 1 (one) Acre In Sy No.148/3 of Kannurahalli Village. Kasaba Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. Converted from Agriculture to Non-Agricultural residential use vide Official Memorandum bearing ALN(HK)CR, 42/2010-11 dated 14.07.2010 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore rural District, Bangalore. **Schedule 'B' Property -** Flat bearing **No A 202,** Khata No 1117/148/3, E Khata No 150300401000120672, 'A' Wing in Second Floor, measuring 1077 Sq Ft Super built-up area containing two bedroom together with RCC roofing, vitrified flooring, once common toilet and one attached toilet, one hall, one kitchen, together with one covered car parking space 546.30 Sq Ft undivided interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule 'A' above including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, contained in the multistoried building constructed on the Schedule 'A; property known as 'NISARGACAPITALAPARTMENTS'. East by : 2 MTR Wide Corridors, West by : Sy No 149 and Sy No 150, North by : Staircase and Flat bearing No A203, South by : Flat bearing no A201. **Property is in name of Mr. Nandeesh T G Alias Mr. Nandeeshaiah T G**			
7	**Borrower: Mr. Shashidhar G Bhat** **S/o Mr. Ganapati Bhat** No. 2, 1st Floor, 1st B Cross, ISEC Main Road, Nagarbhavi, Bangalore 560072 **Co-applicant :Mrs. Archana Bhat W//o Mr. Shashidhar G Bhat**	a) 10.08.2020 b) 23.11.2020 c) Rs.37,14,246.28 plus unapplied interest and costs charges etc.	a) 15.07.2023 between 10.00a.m. to 5.00 pm b) 17.07.2023 before 4.00pm c) 18.07.2023 between 1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.	a) Rs.19,20,000/- b) Rs.1,92,000/- c) Rs.25,000/-
	Description of Immovable Property: Schedule 'A' Property - All that piece and parcel of 30 apartments bearing No. **A001, A002, A003, A005, A006, A007, A008, A009, A010, A101, A102, A103, A105, A107, A108, A109, A110, A201, A202, A205, A206, A208, A209, A210, A301, A302, A305, A306, A309 and A310** out of 80 apartments, contained in the multistored building known as **"NISARGA CAPITAL APARTMENTS"**, Katha No.1117/148/3. Constructed In Converted Land Measuring 1 (one) Acre In Sy No.148/3 of Kannurahalli Village. Kasaba Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. Converted from Agriculture to Non-Agricultural residential use vide Official Memorandum bearing ALN(HK)CR, 42/2010-11 dated 14.07.2010 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore rural District, Bangalore. **Schedule 'B' Property -** Flat bearing **No A 103,** Khata No 1117/148/3, E Khata No 150300401000120664, 'A' Wing in First Floor, measuring 836 Sq Ft Super built-up area containing two bedroom together with RCC roofing, vitrified flooring, once common toilet and one attached toilet, one hall, one kitchen, together with one covered car parking space 424.06 Sq Ft undivided interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule 'A' above including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, contained in the multistoried building constructed on the Schedule 'A; property known as 'NISARGACAPITALAPARTMENTS'. East by : 2 MTR Wide Corridors, West by : Sy No 149 and Sy No 150, North by : Flat bearing No A104, South by : Staircase and Flat bearing No A102. **Property is in name of Mr. Shashidhar G Bhat**			
8	**Borrower: Mr. Shivakumar L** S/o Mr. Lingaraju L No. 1, S-4, 8TH Cross, Vrushabavathi Nagar, Kamakshipalya, Bangalore 560079 **Co-applicant: Mrs. Vijaya N, W/o- Mr. Shivakumar L.**	a) 10.08.2020 b) 23.11.2020 c) Rs.47,86,953.91 plus unapplied interest and costs charges etc.	a) 15.07.2023 between 10.00a.m. to 5.00 pm b) 17.07.2023 before 4.00pm c) 18.07.2023 between 1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.	a) Rs.24,08,000/- b) Rs.2,40,800/- c) Rs.25,000/-
	Description of Immovable Property: Schedule 'A' Property - All that piece and parcel of 30 apartments bearing No. **A001, A002, A003, A005, A006, A007, A008, A009, A010, A101, A102, A103, A105, A107, A108, A109, A110, A201, A202, A205, A206, A208, A209, A210, A301, A302, A305, A306, A309 and A310** out of 80 apartments, contained in the multistored building known as **"NISARGA CAPITAL APARTMENTS"**, Katha No.1117/148/3. Constructed In Converted Land Measuring 1 (one) Acre In Sy No.148/3 of Kannurahalli Village. Kasaba Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. Converted from Agriculture to Non-Agricultural residential use vide Official Memorandum bearing ALN(HK)CR, 42/2010-11 dated 14.07.2010 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore rural District, Bangalore. **Schedule 'B' Property -** Flat bearing **No A 309,** Khata No 1117/148/3, E Khata No 150300401000120682, 'A' Wing in Third Floor, measuring 1065 Sq Ft Super built-up area containing two bedroom together with RCC roofing, vitrified flooring, once common toilet and one attached toilet, one hall, one kitchen, together with one covered car parking space 540.22 Sq Ft undivided interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule 'A' above including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, contained in the multistoried building constructed on the Schedule 'A; property known as 'NISARGACAPITALAPARTMENTS'. East by : Nisarga Capital Block 'B' Apartment, West by : 2 MTR Wide Corridors, North by : 2 MTR Wide Corridors, South by : Flat bearing no A310. **Property is in name of Mr. Shivakumar L**			
9	**Borrower: Mr. Shivakumar L** S/o Mr. Lingaraju L No. 1, S-4, 8TH Cross, Vrushabavathi Nagar, Kamakshipalya, Bangalore 560079 **Co-applicant: Mrs. Vijaya N, W/o-Shivakumar L.**	a) 10.08.2020 b) 23.11.2020 c) Rs.47,88,103.20 plus unapplied interest and costs charges etc.	a) 15.07.2023 between 10.00a.m. to 5.00 pm b) 17.07.2023 before 4.00pm c) 18.07.2023 between 1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.	a) Rs.24,32,000/- b) Rs.2,43,200/- c) Rs.25,000/-
	Description of Immovable Property: Schedule 'A' Property - All that piece and parcel of 30 apartments bearing No. **A001, A002, A003, A005, A006, A007, A008, A009, A010, A101, A102, A103, A105, A107, A108, A109, A110, A201, A202, A205, A206, A208, A209, A210, A301, A302, A305, A306, A309 and A310** out of 80 apartments, contained in the multistored building known as **"NISARGA CAPITAL APARTMENTS"**, Katha No.1117/148/3. Constructed In Converted Land Measuring 1 (one) Acre In Sy No.148/3 of Kannurahalli Village. Kasaba Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. Converted from Agriculture to Non-Agricultural residential use vide Official Memorandum bearing ALN(HK)CR, 42/2010-11 dated 14.07.2010 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore rural District, Bangalore. **Schedule 'B' Property -** Flat bearing **No A 009,** Khata No 1117/148/3, E Khata No 150300401000120660, 'A' Wing in Ground Floor, measuring 1065 Sq Ft Super built-up area containing two bedroom together with RCC roofing, vitrified flooring, once common toilet and one attached toilet, one hall, one kitchen, together with one covered car parking space 540.22 Sq Ft undivided interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule 'A' above including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, contained in the multistoried building constructed on the Schedule 'A; property known as 'NISARGACAPITALAPARTMENTS'. East by : Nisarga Capital Block 'B' Apartment, West by : 2 MTR Wide Corridors, North by : Flat bearing no A010. Property is in name of **Mr. Subrath Kumar Behura,**			
10	**Borrower: Mr. Shivakumar L** S/o Mr. Lingappa D No. 7 & 8, 22nd B Cross, Malagala Main Road, 2nd Stage, Nagarbhavi, Bangalore 560072 **Co-applicant: Mrs. Yashodha B M, W/o Shivakumar L**	a) 10.08.2020 b) 23.11.2020 c) Rs.50,41,182.87 plus unapplied interest and costs charges etc.	a) 15.07.2023 between 10.00a.m. to 5.00 pm b) 17.07.2023 before 4.00pm c) 18.07.2023 between 1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.	a) Rs.25,04,000/- b) Rs.2,50,400/- c) Rs.25,000/-
	Description of Immovable Property: Schedule 'A' Property - All that piece and parcel of 30 apartments bearing No. **A001, A002, A003, A005, A006, A007, A008, A009, A010, A101, A102, A103, A105, A107, A108, A109, A110, A201, A202, A205, A206, A208, A209, A210, A301, A302, A305, A306, A309 and A310** out of 80 apartments, contained in the multistored building known as **"NISARGA CAPITAL APARTMENTS"**, Katha No.1117/148/3. Constructed In Converted Land Measuring 1 (one) Acre In Sy No.148/3 of Kannurahalli Village. Kasaba Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. Converted from Agriculture to Non-Agricultural residential use vide Official Memorandum bearing ALN(HK)CR, 42/2010-11 dated 14.07.2010 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore rural District, Bangalore. **Schedule 'B' Property -** Flat bearing **No A 306,** Khata No 1117/148/3, E Khata No 150300401000120681, 'A' Wing in Third Floor, measuring 1110 Sq Ft Super built-up area containing two bedroom together with RCC roofing, vitrified flooring, once common toilet and one attached toilet, one hall, one kitchen, together with one covered car parking space 563.05 Sq Ft undivided interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule 'A' above including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, contained in the multistoried building constructed on the Schedule 'A; property known as 'NISARGACAPITALAPARTMENTS'. East by : Nisarga Capital Block 'B' Apartment, West by : 2 MTR Wide Corridors, North by : Remaining land in Sy No 148/3, South by : Flat bearing No. A307. **Property is in name of Mr. Shivakumar L**			
11	**Borrower: Mr. S. Srinivasa Murthy,** S/o H Yerrappa #1031, 2nd Floor, Krest Park Apartments, Near Krishna Rao Park, Basavanagudi Bangalore - 560004 **Co-applicant: Mrs. Lalitha S W/o Mr. S. Srinivasa Murthy**	a) 23.08.2017 b) 25.06.2018 c) Rs.52,73,923.18 plus unapplied interest and costs charges etc.	a) 15.07.2023 between 10.00a.m. to 5.00 pm b) 17.07.2023 before 4.00pm c) 18.07.2023 between 1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.	a) Rs.26,88,000/- b) Rs.2,68,800/- c) Rs.25,000/-
	Description of Immovable Property: Schedule 'A' Property - All that piece and parcel of 30 apartments bearing No. **A001, A002, A003, A005, A006, A007, A008, A009, A010, A101, A102, A103, A105, A107, A108, A109, A110, A201, A202, A205, A206, A208, A209, A210, A301, A302, A305, A306, A309 and A310** out of 80 apartments, contained in the multistored building known as **"NISARGA CAPITAL APARTMENTS"**, Katha No.1117/148/3. Constructed In Converted Land Measuring 1 (one) Acre In Sy No.148/3 of Kannurahalli Village. Kasaba Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. Converted from Agriculture to Non-Agricultural residential use vide Official Memorandum bearing ALN(HK)CR, 42/2010-11 dated 14.07.2010 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore rural District, Bangalore. **Schedule 'B' Property -** Flat bearing **No A 010,** Khata No 1117/148/3, E Khata No 150300401000120661, 'A' Wing in Ground Floor, measuring 1143 Sq Ft Super built-up area containing two bedroom together with RCC roofing, vitrified flooring, once common toilet and one attached toilet, one hall, one kitchen, together with one covered car parking space 579.79 Sq Ft undivided interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule 'A' above including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, contained in the multistoried building constructed on the Schedule 'A; property known as 'NISARGACAPITALAPARTMENTS'. East by : Nisarga Captial Block 'B' Apartment, West by : 2 Mtr wide corridors, North by : Flat bearing no A009, South by : Road and Block. **Property is in name of Mr. S. Srinivasa Murthy**			
12	**Borrower: Mr. Subrath Kumar Behura,** S/o Mr. Baburam Behura, No.1, Dayananda Building, Karnataka Layout, Kannurahalli Main Road, Hosakote, Bangalore – 562114 **Co-applicant: Mrs. Sandhya Rani Behera, W/o Mr. Subrath Kumar Behura**	a) 10.08.2020 b) 23.11.2020 c) Rs.34,43,810.54 plus unapplied interest and costs charges etc.	a) 15.07.2023 between 10.00a.m. to 5.00 pm b) 17.07.2023 before 4.00pm c) 18.07.2023 between 1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.	a) Rs.24,08,000/- b) Rs.2,40,800/- c) Rs.25,000/-
	Description of Immovable Property: Schedule 'A' Property - All that piece and parcel of 30 apartments bearing No. **A001, A002, A003, A005, A006, A007, A008, A009, A010, A101, A102, A103, A105, A107, A108, A109, A110, A201, A202, A205, A206, A208, A209, A210, A301, A302, A305, A306, A309 and A310** out of 80 apartments, contained in the multistored building known as **"NISARGA CAPITAL APARTMENTS"**, Katha No.1117/148/3. Constructed In Converted Land Measuring 1 (one) Acre In Sy No.148/3 of Kannurahalli Village. Kasaba Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. Converted from Agriculture to Non-Agricultural residential use vide Official Memorandum bearing ALN(HK)CR, 42/2010-11 dated 14.07.2010 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore rural District, Bangalore. **Schedule 'B' Property -** Flat bearing **No A 007,** Khata No 1117/148/3, E Khata No 150300401000120658, 'A' Wing in Ground Floor, measuring 1020 Sq Ft Super built-up area containing two bedroom together with RCC roofing, vitrified flooring, once common toilet and one attached toilet, one hall, one kitchen, together with one covered car parking space 517.40 Sq Ft undivided interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule 'A' above including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, contained in the multistoried building constructed on the Schedule 'A; property known as 'NISARGACAPITALAPARTMENTS'. East by : Nisarga Capital Block 'B' Apartment, West by : 2 MTR Wide Corridors, North by : Flat bearing no A008, South by : 2 MTR Wide Corridors. **Property is in name of Mrs. Padmavathi V**			
13	**Borrower: Mrs. Padmavathi V** W/o Mr. Madhukumar H N, 51A, 1st Floor, 1st 'A' Main, 1st Cross, 1st Stage, K.H.B Colony, Basaveshwaranagar, Kamakshipalya, Bangalore - 560079 **Co-applicant: Mr. Madhukumar H N, S/o- Narayanaswamy Hassan.**	a) 10.08.2020 b) 23.11.2020 c) Rs.45,80,669.70 plus unapplied interest and costs charges etc.	a) 15.07.2023 between 10.00a.m. to 5.00 pm b) 17.07.2023 before 4.00pm c) 18.07.2023 between 1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.	a) Rs.23,12,000 b) Rs.2,31,200/- c) Rs.25,000/-
	Description of Immovable Property: Schedule 'A' Property - All that piece and parcel of 30 apartments bearing No. **A001, A002, A003, A005, A006, A007, A008, A009, A010, A101, A102, A103, A105, A107, A108, A109, A110, A201, A202, A205, A206, A208, A209, A210, A301, A302, A305, A306, A309 and A310** out of 80 apartments, contained in the multistored building known as **"NISARGA CAPITAL APARTMENTS"**, Katha No.1117/148/3. Constructed In Converted Land Measuring 1 (one) Acre In Sy No.148/3 of Kannurahalli Village. Kasaba Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. Converted from Agriculture to Non-Agricultural residential use vide Official Memorandum bearing ALN(HK)CR, 42/2010-11 dated 14.07.2010 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore rural District, Bangalore. **Schedule 'B' Property -** Flat bearing **No A 008,** Khata No 1117/148/3, E Khata No 150300401000120659, 'A' Wing in Ground Floor, measuring 1020 Sq Ft Super built-up area containing two bedroom together with RCC roofing, vitrified flooring, once common toilet and one attached toilet, one hall, one kitchen, together with one covered car parking space 517.40 Sq Ft undivided interest in the imm

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terrorists killed in Pakistan's North Waziristan, the military's media wing ISPR said

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LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • SW: Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	37	22	TDS	Los Angeles	23	14	LC
Colombo	30	26	LC	Melbourne	13	10	HR
Dhaka	31	26	TDS	Moscow	23	14	HR
Dubai	39	30	SNY	New York	28	21	LC
Houston	37	27	SNY	Singapore	29	26	TDS
Istanbul	29	20	LC	Toronto	24	19	LC
London	30	14	LC	Washington	31	22	LC

Spain PM Sánchez pledges EU support for Ukraine

KYIV

UKRAINIAN officials on Saturday morning reported more civilian casualties from Russian shelling in the country's east and south, as a visit by Spanish PM Pedro Sánchez began in Kyiv as a show of continuing support from Madrid and the EU for Ukraine's fight to dislodge invading Russian forces from its territory.

In an address to Ukraine's parliament, Sánchez said, "We'll be with you as long as it takes. I am here to express the firm determination of the European (Union) and Europe against the illegal and unjustified Russian aggression to Ukraine," he said.

Referring to possible peace talks, the Spanish leader said that "only Ukraine can set the terms and times for peace negotiations. Other countries and regions are proposing peace plans. Their involvement is much appreciated, but, at the same time, we can't accept them entirely.

"This is a war of aggression, with an aggressor and a victim. They cannot be treated equally and ignoring the rules should in no way be rewarded. That is why that is why we support President Zelenskyy's peace formula," Sánchez added.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy (R) and Spain's Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez shake hands following their talks in Kyiv, Ukraine on Saturday | AP

Elsewhere in Ukraine, regional officials reported that at least three civilians were killed and at least 17 more wounded by Russian shelling on Friday and overnight. Three persons died and 10 more suffered wounds on Friday in the front-line eastern Donetsk region, where fierce battles are raging, Gov. Pavlo Kyrylenko said on Saturday.

The Ukrainian General Staff reported that fierce clashes continued in three areas in Donetsk where it said Russia has massed troops and attempted to advance. In the latest of regular social media updates, the General Staff named the outskirts of three cities — Bakhmut, Lyman and Marinka — as front-line hot spots, and said that Russia over the previous day staged unsuccessful assault attempts there. *AP*

French police report 1,300 arrests amid rise in riots

Unrest in the country forced Prez Macron to cancel his Germany trip

PARIS

RIOTING and looting raged in cities around France for a fourth night despite a huge police deployment and 1,311 arrests, as family and friends prepared on Saturday to bury the 17-year-old whose killing by police unleashed the unrest and forced President Emmanuel Macron to cancel an important trip abroad.

France's Interior Ministry announced the new figure for arrests around the country, where 45,000 police officers fanned out in a so-far unsuccessful bid to quell days of violence that was triggered after the teen's death on Tuesday.

Despite an appeal to parents by Macron to keep their kids at home, street clashes between young protesters and police raged on. About 2,500 fires were set and stores were ransacked, according to authorities.

The violence in France was taking a toll on Macron's international commitments. German President Frank-Walter Steinmeir's office said that Macron phoned on Saturday to request a postponement of what would have been the first state visit by a French president to Germany in 23 years. The trip, supposed to officially start on Monday, would have seen Macron travel to Berlin and two other German cities.

Macron's office said he spoke with Steinmeier and, "given the internal security situation, the president (Macron) said he wishes to stay in France over the coming days."

As the number of arrests continued to mount, the government suggested the violence was beginning to lessen thanks to tougher security measures. Since the unrest began on Tuesday night, police have made a total of 2,400 arrests—more than half of those in the fourth night of violence.

Still, the damage was widespread, from Paris to Marseille and Lyon and even far away, in the French territories overseas, where a 54-year-old died after being hit by a stray bullet in French Guiana.

Hundreds of police and firefighters have been injured, including 79 overnight, but authorities haven't released injury tallies for protesters.

Early Saturday, firefighters in Nanterre extinguished blazes set by protesters that left scorched remains of cars strewn across the streets.

In the neighbouring suburb Colombes, protesters overturned the garbage bins and used them for makeshift barricades. *AP*

Protesters block a street with garbage cans in Colombes, France on Saturday | AP

Funeral ceremony of teen begins in Nanterre

Nahel's funeral ceremony began in the Paris suburb of Nanterre where he lived, with a large crowd gathering at the local cemetery in a tense atmosphere, an *AFP* reporter said. The family wanted to be as intimate as possible, and far from the cameras. A ceremony is scheduled for early afternoon at the mosque in Nanterre and the interment will then take place in the giant Mont Valerien cemetery in the area.

51 killed in road accident in western Kenya, 32 injured

NAIROBI

A truck rammed into several other vehicles and market traders in western Kenya killing at least 51 people, police said.

The Friday evening accident occurred at a location known for vehicle crashes near the Rift Valley town of Londiani, which is about 200 kilometres northwest of the capital, Nairobi.

Officers at the scene counted 51 bodies, but more people were believed to be trapped in the wreckage, Rift Valley police commander Tom Odera said. The Kenya Red Cross Society said on Saturday 32 people were injured and hospitalised, and asked Kenyans to donate blood. It also said heavy rainfall interrupted rescue efforts and people were still trapped in wrecked vehicles.

Transport Minister Kipchumba Murkomen visited the scene on Saturday morning and said the government would relocate markets away from the highways to prevent such future accidents.

President William Ruto tweeted a condolence message to bereaved families describing the accident as "distressing" and urging motorists to be "extra cautious." Witnesses quoted by local media said the truck veered off the major highway and hit several vehicles before hitting pedestrians and traders. Witnesses shared photos of the vehicle wreckages mangled beyond recognition. *AP*

Suicides in Singapore rise to 22-YEAR HIGH: REPORT

Suicides in Singapore rose nearly 26% last year to their highest level in more than two decades, reflecting the "unseen mental distress" in the city-state, as per a local NGO

CONCERNING RATES

The suicide rates among young people aged 10-29 and elderly people aged 70-79 were particularly concerning, the prevention centre Samaritans of Singapore (SOS) said in its annual press release containing statistics on the issue

A total of 476 individuals killed themselves in 2022, "the highest recorded suicide deaths since 2000," up from 378 the year before, the SOS release said

LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH

Suicide "remained the leading cause of death for youths aged 10-29 for the fourth consecutive year," accounting for 33.6% of all deaths within the age group, the release said

A total of 125 individuals from that age bracket took their own lives in 2022, up 11.6% from 112 the previous year

In Singapore, the number of people aged 70-79 who took their own lives surged to 48 last year, a 60% increase from 30 in 2021, as per SOS

We recognise the urgency of the situation, and are committed to continue taking proactive steps to address the rising suicide numbers and provide support to those in need

Gasper Tan, SOS chief executive

EXPRESS READ

US report faults crisis management in Af

WASHINGTON: United States officials were inhibited during mass evacuations from Afghanistan in 2021 by a lack of clear decision-making, an absence of centralised crisis management and confusing public messaging, an internal report found. The State Department report called for reforms including appointing a single person in charge during future crises and insulating contingency planning from political considerations. The so-called After Action Review was ordered by Secretary of State Antony Blinken after outrage over the chaotic scenes from Kabul in August 2021 as Taliban fighters quickly seized control following the end of the 20-year US military presence. The report praised the end result of the evacuation—the pullout of 125,000 people, including 6,000 private US citizens, who were rushed out by the US military after it took charge of the international airport. But it said that the operation faced a "major challenge" as senior officials in President Joe Biden's administration "had not made clear decisions" ahead of time about which at-risk Afghans to assist.

GOVT. OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF, WATER RESOURCES ODISHA, BHUBANESWAR
'e' Procurement Notice No.CEMKS 04 OF 2023-24
A-278

1. Name of the work : Renovation of Khandahata Distributary from RD 00 km to 10.26 kmunder CLSRP.
2. Amount put to Tender : Rs. 12,15,19,444.00
3. Bid Document Cost : Rs. 10, 000.00 (online)
4. E.M.D : Rs.12,15,200.00
5. Class of Contractor : "A" Class & Special Class
6. Period of Completion : 18 calendar months (548 Days)
7. Other details are as follows.

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender On- line for bidding		Date of Opening of Technical Bid (Cover-I)
		From	To	
Chief Engineer & BM, Mahanadi Kathajodi System, Bhubaneswar	CEMKS PID 03 of 2023-24	03.07.2023 10.00hrs	18.07.2023 17.00hrs	19.07.2023 11.00 hrs

8. e-mail Id : celmbbbsr@yahoo.co.in

Further detail conditions can be seen from the Govt. website www.tendersodisha.gov.in

OIPR-32252/11/0005/2324

Chief Engineer & Basin Manager
Mahanadi Kathajodi System Bhubaneswar

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the kind notice of the General public that my client **M.G Prakash Rao S/o Late M.H Gundu Rao** aged about 53 years, Residing at Old No 7/10, and New No. 11, Out House 2nd Floor, Govindappa Road, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru-560004 has lost the Original Partition deed dated 15.02.1956 Reg No. 4471/55-56 book one volume 1471 pages 152/164 registered at Sub Registrar Bengaluru City, in respect of the property bearing New No.11, Out House, Govindappa Road, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru executed between his Grand Mother Late Smt. Sushilabai and Grand father Late M.G Krishnamurthy and his paternal uncle has been lost on 20.05.2023 while going to get Xerox of the same and not able to find out the same and to this effect he has filed a complaint on 30.06.2023 before the police and Lost report no.0623358/2023 has been issued on 30.06.2023 Under Section CRPC 155 and any person who has found it may contact the undersigned and handover the same within 7 days, after which the said lost documents will have no value whatsoever and my client will proceed With next steps as required under the Law.

Sd/-
Manoj J Shah, Advocate
#76, 4th main, 16th Cross, JP Nagar, Bengaluru - 560078
Mob: 9845251554

Place : Bengaluru
Date : 01.07.2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is inform to the general public that, my client **Madhusudhan Ray,** aged about 58 years, S/o Late. Mr. Sasadhar Chandra Ray, residing at #Binoda Bhawan, F.No.3C, 3D, 241 feeder Road, PO Belgoria, Kolkata, West Bengal-700056, today at Bengaluru, have lost the below mentioned original Form "B" (See Rule 4) Form of Declaration and not to be traced. Hence, my client has lodged the police complaint vide lost report No.0621632/2023, dated:29-062023 at Bengaluru for having lost the original Form "B" (See Rule 4) Form of Declaration bearing document No.1936/2016-17, dated: 24-06-2016, Stored in CD NO.YAND629, registered in the office of the Senior Sub Registrar, Yelahanka, Bengaluru.

SCHEDULE-C
(Description of the Apartment constructed under the construction Agreement)

A three bedroom apartment bearing No.PH-A1-701 on the Seventh Floor in the 'A1) Block/Wing of the residential apartment complex known as "Provident Hormony" constructed on the schedule 'A' property, having a built up area on 995 sq feet (which is inclusive of balconies, utility space and walls of the Apartment) and proportionate common area of 246 square feet together with an exclusive right to use the limited common facility of one stilt car parking facility to be allotted separately.

The building is RCC framed structure with vitrified tile flooring, metal windows and wooded doors connected with electricity and water supply.

The finders of the above said original Form "B" (See Rule 4) Form of Declaration are requested to return the same to my below mentioned address and mobile number **within 7 days.**

Sri UMESH, Advocate
No.2521, 9th A Cross, 13th Main, E Block, Sahakarnagar, Bangalore-560092.
Mob:9164903333.

Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation
ICOMC TOWER, SATYA NAGAR, BHUBANESWAR-751007
No.: 30093 / BMC DT: 26.06.2023
XXXXX-II-SWMPMV-88/2022-23 (PART-II)
NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT)
NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-Procurement

C-702: On behalf of the Commissioner, Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC), Executive Engineer (DIV-I), BMC invites tenders through e-Procurement in conformity with terms and conditions of the tender document in Two Bid System (Part-I): General & Technical Bid and Part II: Financial Bid /Price Bid/BOQ) from intending bidders fulfilling the eligibility criteria and other qualifying requirements mentioned in this tender document for the work of "Supply, Installation, Commissioning of one (1) horizontal automatic hydraulic plastic bailing press machines with AMC for four (4) years". Each bid should be submitted online through the e-procurement portal i.e. www.tendersodisha.gov.in. The bidders should have necessary portal enrolment (Digital Signature Certificate) under e-procurement process of Govt. of Odisha in required class/category. For queries, intending bidders may Contact the Office of Executive Engineer (Sanitation)/ Deputy Commissioner (DIV-I), Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation, ICOMC Tower, Satya Nagar, Bhubaneswar-751007.

Standard technical specification of horizontal automatic hydraulic plastic bailing press machine is enclosed in Appendix-I of the bid document.

1. Schedule of Events:

Sl. No	Description	Critical Dates
1.	Period of availability of tender document for bidding.	From Dt. 29.06.2023 to Dt. 20.07.2023 till 5.00 PM
2.	Pre- Bid Meeting	Dt. 07.07.2023 at 12:00 Noon
3.	Submission of Pre-bid queries latest by Bidders to email id: dc-sanitation@bmc.gov.in	Dt. 09.07.2023 Till 5:00 PM
4.	Last date and time for submission of proposal on online mode	Dt. 20.07.2023 up to 5:00 PM
5.	Date & Time of opening of proposal	Dt.21.07.2023 (03.00PM)

2. Other details can be seen in the bidding document available in website tendersodisha.gov.in (for view, download and bidding) and in BMC Website www.bmc.gov.in (for view and download only).
3. All amendments, Clarifications, time extension etc. will be uploaded in the website only. Bidders should regularly visit the above website to keep themselves updated.
4. Authority reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons thereof subject to the limitations prescribed by Central Vigilance Commission.

By Order Commissioner, BMC
Sd/-
Executive Engineer (DIV-I)
Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation

OIPR-13002/11/0073/2324

STATE BANK OF INDIA
STRESSED ASSETS RECOVERY BRANCH

Authorised Officer's Details:
Name: **Sri.Kiran S Mathada**
E-mail ID:sbi.05173@sbi.co.in
Mobile No: 9513512266
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E-mail – sbi.05173@sbi.co.in

APPENDIX-IV-A
[See proviso to rule 8(6)]
Sale Notice for sale of immovable property

E-Auction Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Asset under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the Public in general and the Borrower/Mortgager in particular that the below described immovable property mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, State Bank of India, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Bank,will be sold on "AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS"and "WHATEVER THERE IS" basis on **25.07.2023** for recovery of **Rs.62,12,771/-** (Rupees Sixty Two Lakh Twelve Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy One Only) as on 12.04.2023 and interest from 13.04.2023 with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc. due to the State Bank of India, Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, Bengaluru from Borrower **Sri.M.P.Bopanna** S/o Late M.K.Poovaiah.
The Reserve Price, Earnest Money Deposit and Bid Increment Amount will be as under:-

Property No.	Reserve Price (below which the property will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Bid increment amount
1	Rs. 46,98,000/-	Rs. 4,69,800/-	Rs. 42,000.00

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Tender No:05173/KM/G/913
Property– Title deed holder:Sri. M.P.Bopanna S/o Late M.K.Poovaiah
All that piece and parcel of the immovable Property Residential vacant Site bearing No.357, BBMP Khatha No.663/2525/357 (Now comes under BBMP Limits) situated at Attur Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk measuring East to West: 30 feet and North to South: 40 feet, totally measuring 1,200 Sq.feet, standing in the name of Sri.Bopanna M P S/o Late M. K. Poovaiah and bounded on: East by : Site No.358, West by : Site No.356, North by: Road, South by: Private Property.

The sale shall be subject to provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
For further details regarding inspection of the property the intending bidder may contact the Authorised Officer, **State Bank of India, Stressed Assets Recovery Branch,** #11/90,3rd Floor, Opposite Trust Well Hospital, J.C.Road, Bengaluru – 560002, **Telephone: 080 25943663** or Bank's approved Resolution Agent, Sri Devi Resolutions Pvt. Ltd., Bangalore Representative: **Sri. Chayapathy, Cell No.9901902500.**
To the best of knowledge of the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on any of the above said properties. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp.

Date: 27.06.2023
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/-Authorised Officer & Chief Manager,
State Bank of India,
Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, Bengaluru

TEXTILE CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.,

Authorised Officer/CEO's Details
Name: Srinivasa Murthy B.
MOB: +91 - 9972931077

Address of the Branch:
2nd Floor, Devanga Market,
Sree Devara Dasimayya Road, (J. M. Road)
Bengaluru-560002,
Phone: 080-48521054, 080-22231354
E-mail: textilecbl@gmail.com

Appendix: IV-A
[See Provison to rule 8(6)]
Sale notice for sale of immovable property

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets (excluding movable assets, if any, laying in the premises) under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provison to Rule 8(6) and 9(1)of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer/CEO of Textile Co-Operative Bank Ltd ., being the Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and " Whatever there is"** on **20.07.2023** for recovery of **Rs.12,97,754/- (Rupees Twelve Lakh Ninety Seven Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Four Only) as on 31.03.2022** with future interest, costs expenses etc. due to the TEXTILE CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD., Bengaluru from **Mr. G. Gopala Krishna** S/o N. Gangappa R/at No. 23, 2nd Floor, Sunkalpet Main Road, Bengaluru -560002 and **Mr. Prakash G** S/o N. Gangappa R/at No. 23, Ground Floor, Sunkalpet Main Road, Bengaluru 560002.
A/c. No. IPL/1053

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Residential Flat No.23/2, P.I.D No. 47-125-23/2, entire 2nd Floor, situated at Sunkalpet Main Road, Ward No. 47 of Dharmarayaswamy Temple, Bengaluru-560002, Measuring East to West: 39 feet and Noth to South: 18.7 feet along with 1/3rd Undidvided share, right, title and ownership in entire property No. 23, situated at Sunkalpet Main Road, and bounded on: East by: Sunkalpet Main Road,West by: Property belonging to Yallappa, North by: Property belonging to Siddananjappa, South by: House belonging to Munivenkatamma

DETAILS OF E-AUCTION

Reserve Price	Earnest Money to be Deposited	Last date and Time of EMD Submission	Bid Multiplier	Date and time of e-auction
Rs.28,60,000/-	Rs.2,86,000/-	19.07.2023 up to 4.00 PM	Rs.25,000/-	20.07.2023 From 11.30 AM to 12.30 P.M.

The Authorised Officer/CEO shall have absolute discretion to cancel the e-auction at any point of time, without assigning any reason.
For detailed terms and conditions of the E-auction sale and for E-Auction tender document containing online e-auction Bid Form, Declaration etc, please refer to the link provided in M/s. C1 India Pvt. Ltd. https://www.bankeauctions.com

Place: Bengaluru
Date : 01.07.2023

Sd/-
Authorized Officer/CEO

UNION BANK OF INDIA
(A Govt. of India Undertaking)
Asset Recovery Branch
#2/3, Raja Building, NR Road, Bengaluru-560002
E Mail: ubin0555991@unionbankofindia.bank

POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule - 8 (1)] (For immovable Property)

Whereas: The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **Union Bank of India,** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **15.02.2022** calling upon the **Borrowers/ Mortgagors/Guarantors, (1) Sri Vinayaka Enterprises** having registered office at No. 105, 2nd Cross – Rajiv Gandhi Nagar, Laggere Bangalore - 560058 **(2) Mr. Harish K.** residing at No.105, 2nd Cross – Rajiv Gandhi Nagar Laggere Bangalore-560058 to repay the dues mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 22,82,626.66/-** (Rupees Twenty Two Lakhs Eighty Two Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty Six and Sixty-Six Paisa) plus interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules 2002 on this **28th day of June 2023.**
The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Union Bank of India, Asset recovery Branch- Bangalore** for an amount of **Rs. 26,53,801.43/-** (Rupees Twenty Six Lakhs Fifty Three Thousand Eight Hundered One and Forty Three Paisa Only) as on **31.05.2023** and interest/Cost/ Expenses thereon.
The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.
The possession notice dated 06.05.2022 is hereby stands withdrawn
Description of the immovable property: All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing No.69, Khatha no. 163, Assessment no. 63, situated at Rajivgandhi Nagar, laggere village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore north Taluk, presently comes under BBMP , Ward No. 69, Bangalore, measuring East to West :40 feet and north to South: 30 feet, totally measuring 1200 sq. ft. together with a building and bounded on: East by : Site No. 82, West by: Road, North by : Site No. 70, South by : Site No. 68.

Date: 28.06.2023
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Union Bank of India

20 lakh units units sales figure overall passenger vehicle segment has crossed for the first time-ever in the first half of this year

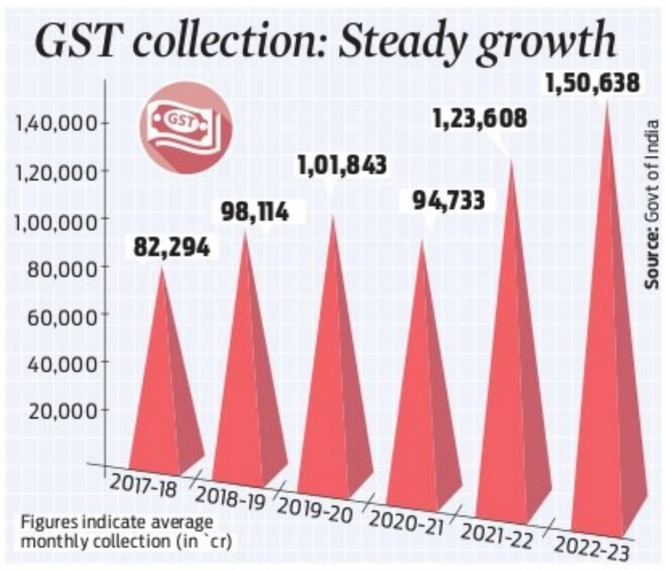
Despite rise in revenue, GST far from being perfect even after 6 yrs

Govt needs to iron out several issues such as setting up of tribunal to make GST better

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

THE GST turned six on 30th June this year. A 'pathbreaking' tax reform despite the many early hiccups the laws seem to have started to settle down, and deliver results as was expected.

The growth in GST collection has been picking up as compliances improved and more taxpayers came under the GST fold. Though the compliances have increased, digitalization of all the processes have reduced the paperwork. However, the GST is far from being perfect even after six years.



Robust collection, speedier movement of goods

From an average monthly GST collection of ₹82,000 crore in the first year of GST in 2017-18, the average collection has surpassed ₹1.50 lakh crore, registering a compounded annual growth rate (CAGR) of almost 13%. In the first full year of GST in 2018-19, the total GST collection was Rs 11.77 lakh crore. In 2022-23, the collections rose to Rs 18 lakh crore, growing at a CAGR of over 11%.

As per Abhishek Rastogi, a GST lawyer and founder of Rastogi Chambers, the GST framework has certain inherent characteristics, which require businesses to complete compliance on time. "As a corollary, GST collections have been increasing consistently over a period of time," he says.

The states, which had their doubts about the loss of revenue due to GST, have not fared poorly either. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman while speaking at an event on the completion of 6 years of GST in New Delhi on Saturday said that the states' tax growth was at 8.3% before GST, but post-GST tax revenues have gone up at 12.3%.

"States have not lost out under GST. GST has brought higher tax buoyancy for states, and even without GST compensation, states tax buoyancy at 1.15," the FM said.

Though, it is also true that some state governments have raised the issue of their shrinking tax sovereignty under GST. The movement of goods across states has improved with introduction of GST as most of the documents are uploaded electronically and there is a better mechanism to track the goods, classification and tax details, say experts.

Over the last six years, the government has introduced several measures, including rolling out of e-way bills, leading to faster movement of goods across state borders.

Ironing out issues

After teething problems in the initial years, and the resultant chopping and changing of tax rates and rules, the GST laws have started settling down, but there are still some issues that need ironing out.

Situation is way better as compared to 2017 when it was first introduced, but as it stands, the GST regime is yet to become a perfect or close to perfect system, says Anita Rastogi, Partner, GST & Indirect Taxes at Pricewaterhouse Co & LLP. Abhishek Rastogi of Rastogi Chambers says that addressing a few structural changes such as blocking of credit issues, decriminalisation of certain provisions, clarity on jurisdictional issues, and clear provisions of penalty will further improve the tax structure.

"Industry is still grappling with several issues surrounding free flow of credits, and this needs to be looked into with a broader lens. He also pointed out that the provisions relating to blocked credits are also a huge cause of concern for the businesses, which should be rationalized," says Shashi Mathews, partner, Induslaw.

Merging of 12% and 18% tax rates is of utmost importance, feels Abhishek Rastorgi, as this will reduce classification disputes as well. There are certain goods and services which are exempted under GST, and as a result the suppliers are not able to utilise the input tax credits. Experts say these supplies should either be taxed at 5% rate with option of utilising the credit or refund must be granted to keep the prices of these supplies under control.

Clarity on various interpretational matters should provided, and a special focus should be on the new age sectors such as NFT (Non Fungible tokens), cryptocurrencies, etc, feels Anita Rastogi, Partner, GST & Indirect Taxes at Pricewaterhouse Co & LLP.

Rise of litigations under GST

It was expected that litigations under GST would be fewer as it was supposed to be a simple and uniform tax law. However, tax experts and lawyers feel litigations under the GST are on the rise.

Due to varying rates applicable on goods and services, a lot of litigation on the issues of classification has emerged, says Mathews. The contrary views of the Authority for Advance Ruling in states have added to the litigations. And without the formation of a GST Tribunal, even High Courts and even the Supreme Court are burdened with GST cases.

NEWSCOPE

HOLY COW! MILKING IT IS BAD FOR THE ECONOMY

GURBIR SINGH

IT'S India versus China. And it is all happening in the USA.

President Joe Biden has pulled out all stops to give a red carpet welcome to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The state visit, only the third in Biden's tenure, was designed to elevate US-India relations to a new high. A huge guard of honour on the South Lawn of the White House; a state dinner with portobello mushrooms personally put together by a chef specializing in vegetarian cuisine; and Oval office deals that allow transfer of US technology denied to India for the last four decades.

The signaling is very clear from Washington. India is no more a pariah. She's now going to be US' big Asian partner. After years of denial of jet engine technology, GE Aerospace will sign a deal with Hindustan Aeronautics for manufacturing GE's F414 engines to power India's light combat aircraft, the Tejas MK-2.

Among other things, the state visit green lights India's purchase of about $3 billion worth of MQ-9B SeaGuardian drones. The decks have also been cleared for Micron setting up a semi-conductor chip plant in Gujarat. The US company will be investing $825 million in the facility soon after China banned its products on security grounds.

Backsliding democracy

India and Prime Minister Modi have come a long way. Nearly 2 decades ago, in 2005, the US denied a visa to Mr Modi following anti-Muslim riots in Gujarat when the he was the chief minister. Despite the changed circumstances, India's backsliding on democratic values continues to hang over the Prime Minister's state visit.

The widely perceived discrimination against India's Muslim minority, and the rough treatment of the news media, particularly the ban on BBC's recent documentary, have not gone down well with many. As many as 70 Democrat lawmakers wrote to Joe Biden to bring up the issue of human rights abuses with Prime Minister Modi. In an interview with CNN, former US President Barrack Obama said India may start "pulling apart" if the government does not protect ethnic minorities.

It is not that the Biden administration is unaware of the creeping autocracy in India. The 'Democracy Index', prepared by the Economist Intelligence Unit, has downgraded India to a "flawed democracy", while the US' not-for-profit Freedom House has lowered India from a free democracy to a "partially free democracy".

Containing China

It is just that human rights issues abroad have taken a backseat as the US hurtles into a new era of confrontation in a tri-polar militarized world. China is done with playing the role of a regional power, and is seeking a new 'world power' status. Driven by the new nationalism of President Xi Jinping, China is flexing its muscles to unify Taiwan with the mainland – a western outpost fiercely defended by the US.

SOURAV ROY

On the Ukraine front, though China has not entered the war directly, there is a clear axis with Russia to take on the US and its allies through alternative trade agreements, preferential and discounted purchase of Russian oil, supply of munitions to Russia and the construction of an alternative currency to the dollar.

As the Russia-China alliance strengthens, the US is increasingly desperate to firm up strong Asian allies. India, currently facing aggressive Chinese expansionism on its Himalayan borders has therefore become a natural ally in the new domino war. It is already part of the Quad – Australia, Japan, Indian and US - alliance. The US is also keen to break India's dependence on Soviet and later Russian arms imports. It has come down from 62% in 2017 to about 45% in 2022, but most of India's arms hardware is still Russian. Ironically, it is the US stonewalling ofIndia's defense demands that pushed the latter into Russia's lap; but now the US is reversing its position seeing India's keenness to diversify.

Biden also wants to break China's global supply chain control by helping India becoming an alternative hub for intermediate products like the sub-conductor microchip currently in heavy short supply.

Finally, those who have followed the US' foreign policy over the last decade will know that the country's domestic allegiance to the Freedom charter has very little to do with human rights in other parts of the globe. Toppling regimes that are unfriendly, rigging elections and bumping off leaders perceived to be anti-US has been the active mandate of US' Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

From the assassination of Congolese leader Patrice Lumumba in 1961 to the killing of Chilean left-wing President Salvador Allende in 1971, the hand of the US has never been far behind. Little wonder that in the current Russia-US faceoff in the Ukraine, there is little trust in African capitals on the US position.

That said, it is unlikely human rights will dictate US' foreign policy towards India. Thanks to the Nehruvian policy of non-alignment, India has always shunned membership of international blocs. However, there's a rapidly changing geo-political balance, and it offers an opportunity to get the most out of the US. It's an opportunity that should be cashed.

EXPRESS READ

PSBs profit tripled to ₹1.04 lakh cr in 9 years

NEW DELHI: FM Nirmala Sitharaman on Saturday said public sector banks' profit in last 9 years has tripled to `1.04 lakh crore due to initiatives taken by the government and continuing effort needed to fuel further growth. *PTI*

Tata Motors' domestic sales increase 1%

NEW DELHI: Tata Motors on Saturday posted 1% rise in domestic sales at 80,383 units in June 2023 as against 79,606 units in year-ago month. In EV segment, the company posted its "highest-ever quarterly sales of 19,346 in Q1FY24. *PTI*

Muthoot Microfin plans to raise ₹1,350 cr via IPO

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

MUTHOOT MICROFIN plans to raise up to Rs1,350 crore through an initial share sale and has filed draft papers with capital market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi).

The initial public offering (IPO) of the company that provides micro loans to women customers will comprise a fresh issue worth up to ₹950 crore and an offer for sale (OFS) of equities to the tune of ₹400 crore.

According to the Draft Red Herring Prospectus (DRHP) filed on Friday, the company will also look at pre-IPO placement to raise ₹190 crore. If that placement is undertaken, the size of the fresh issue will be reduced.

The company plans to use proceeds from the fresh issue for augmenting its capital base to meet future capital requirements.

Through the OFS route, various entities plan to offload ₹400 crore-worth shares. While Greater Pacific Capital WIV Ltd proposes to offload equities worth up to ₹100 crore, Thomas John Muthoot, Thomas Muthoot and Thomas George Muthoot plan to sell shares aggregating up to ₹70 crore each.

Besides, shares valued up to Rs30 crore are planned to be offloaded, each by Preethi John Muthoot, Remmy Thomas and Nina George, as per the DRHP.

The company, part of the Muthoot Pappachan Group, had a gross loan portfolio of ₹9,208.29 crore at the end of March 31.

The microfinance industry is again witnessing strong demand for loans after going through a phase of subdued demand due to COVID-19 pandemic. With demand coming back on track, the microlenders have again started making expansion plans.

IPO includes fresh issue and OFS

Public offer of the company will comprise a fresh issue worth up to `950 crore and an offer for sale (OFS) of equities to the tune of `400 crore

May look at pre-IPO placement

According to the Draft Red Herring Prospectus (DRHP) filed on Friday, the company will also look at pre-IPO placement to raise `190 crore

CIL to give its best shot at 780 MT output target, says new Chairman

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

STATE-OWNED Coal India Limited (CIL) would achieve the 780 million tonne (MT) output target of financial year 2023-2024 with all efforts and means available at its disposal, said newly appointed Chairman P M Prasad on Saturday.

Prasad succeeds Pramod Agrawal who stepped down on June 30 on attaining the age of superannuation. Before CIL's top post he led Jharkhand-based Central Coalfields Limited. Prasad, a three-an-a-half decade coal mining veteran is a post graduate in mining engineering from Indian School of Mines, IIT Dhanbad.

He began his CIL career in 1984 as a management trainee at Western Coalfields Limited and served in different capacities across different subsidiaries of CIL. He also had a three year stint in NTPC as executive director (coal mining).

Meanwhile, coal production in Q1FY24 shot up to 175.5 MTs, the highest-ever recorded during the first quarter of any year, with nearly 10% growth. Expansion in volume terms was 15.7 MT, which is significant as it came over a high base of 159.8 MT in the previous fiscal. Production for the month of June at 58 MT grew by 6.4 MT, posting a double digit growth of 12.4% compared to 51.6 MTs in June 2022. "Output could have been even higher but for the heavy rainfall in the last week of June across our mining areas", said a senior executive of CIL.

India's largest coal producers said that total supplies during the quarter ended June 2023 were 187 MTs posting 5.3% growth compared to 177.5 MTs of Q1 FY 2022. Volume increase was 9.5 MTs.

Non-power sector consumers continue to receive higher quantities of coal in the current fiscal, which at the first quarter ended at 33.4 MTs, logged a robust growth of 34%. During the comparative quarter last fiscal supplies to this sector were 24.8 MTs.

June GST mop-up rises 12%, crosses ₹1.6L cr for 4th time since inception

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THE monthly collection of goods and services tax (GST) crossed ₹1.6 lakh crore mark in June for the fourth time since inception, up 12% year-on-year, according to the government data released on Saturday.

Revenue collection from GST has witnessed a steady growth since its introduction in 2017.

This is the seventh time that the GST revenue has surpassed ₹1.5 lakh crore since GST regime was implemented. As per the data, of the total collection of ₹1.61 lakh crore, CGST is ₹31,013 crore, SGST is ₹38,292 crore and IGST is ₹80,292 crore (including ₹39,035 crore collected on import of goods) and cess is ₹11,900 crore (including ₹1,028 crore collected on import of goods).

"The government has settled ₹36,224 crore to CGST and ₹30,269 crore to SGST from IGST. The total revenue of Centre and the states in the month of June 2023 after regular settlement is ₹67,237 crore for CGST and ₹68,561 crore for the SGST," the finance minstry statement said.

In April, GST collection had touched an all-time high of ₹1.87 lakh crore, while in May it stood at ₹1.57 lakh crore. Interestingly, the average monthly gross GST collection for the first quarter of three years has been consistently increasing.

In April-June of FY2021-22, the GST revenue was registered at ₹1.10 lakh crore; in FY2022-23 it was at ₹1.51 lakh crore; and in FY24 it was at ₹1.69 lakh crore.

According to Abhishek Jain, Partner & National Head - Indirect Tax, KPMG in India, consistent breach of ₹1.5 lakh crore mark is a big cheer for the government and economy, specifically on the date of completion of six years of this historical tax reform.

"With the approaching limitation period for 2017-18 and continued focus on anti-evasion measures, the increasing trend in collections is expected to continue," said Jain.

Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman complimented tax officers for their "dedication and commitment and grit", which helped in making monthly GST revenues of ₹1.60 lakh crore a "new normal".

"Whether it is common consumer, whether it is the state government, a matter of tax buoyancy, whether it is making it digital and simpler, GST stands out as an exemplar," the minister said.

'High growth to create a new HDFC Bank every 4 yrs'

SACHIN KUMAR @ New Delhi

IN his first address after the merger of HDFC Bank with mortgage lender, Sashidhar Jagdishan, managing director and CEO of the private lender, said the combined entity would grow at such a high rate that it could create a new HDFC Bank every four years.

Sharing vision for the future, Jagdishan said the lender will transform a bank to technology company delivering banking services to the customers. High demand for financial services driven by sharp rise in country's gross domestic product (GDP) will fuel HDFC Bank's growth.

"India's GDP is expected to grow from $3.5 trillion to $8 trillion in next decade. The runway for financial services and mortgage, which are so underserved and under penetrated, is going to be very large," said Sashidhar Jagdishan, welcoming employees of mortgage lender HDFC.

"HDFC Bank - the combined entity - with a large and growing distribution and customer franchise, more than adequate capital, a healthy asset quality and profitability, will be best positioned to capture growth.

The pace at which we aim to grow - we could be creating a new HDFC Bank every 4 years," he added. As a result of mega merger of HDFC Bank and HDFC, around 4,000 employees have now become part of the bank. The boards of HDFC Bank and HDFC, in meetings held on Friday, approved July 1 as the effective date of merger.

"The vision that we have laid out for ourselves in reimagining our technology architecture will make us a 'Technology company' which is into banking! You will be proud of the same when it gets unveiled over the next three years," he added.

The lender aims to add over 1,500 branches every year and will continue to invest in new technologies and expansion. "We will be adding 1500+ branches every year for some years to reach out to the burgeoning middle and upper segment of this vast country," he added. The decision for the merger was spurred by the right timing, both from an 'Economics' and a regulatory perspective, he added. After the merger, HDFC Bank has become the world's fourth-largest bank in terms of market capitalisation.

The low penetration of home loans and financial services presents immense potential for growth, he said.

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-TENDER NOTICE

Tender No : 45,46,47/2023-24/KWA/ PHC/TVLA

JJM (1) RWSS to Madapally-Design, Construction, and Commissioning of 4.5mld WTP and allied works including O&M for 3 years, (2) WSS to Pramadom and V. Kottayam - Construction and Commissioning of 9m dia Intake Well Cum Pump house, Raw water Pumping mains, Raw water Pump sets, Transformer and allied works including road restoration charges,3) WSS to Kollamula and Vechoochira Pts Construction of OHSR, GLSR, Sump cum Pumphouse and Pumping main and road restoration. EMD: Rs. 200000 each; Tender fee: Rs. 13010 each; Last Date for submitting Tender: 24-07-2023, 02:00:pm. Phone: 04692600162.
Website: www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in

KWA-JB-GL-6-580-2023-24 Superintending Engineer, PH Circle, Pathanamthitta

Punjab & Sind Bank

(A Government of India Undertaking)
Chickpet Area Branch
678-679, S.B. Market Lane, Bengaluru-560053
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POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised officer of Punjab & Sind Bank under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (54 of 2002) (SARFAESI ACT 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with the relevant rules of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notice under section 13 (2) on **05.04.2022**, calling upon the borrowers **Mrs. M.Kiran W/o Mr. Narendra Kumar (borrower), Mr. D.Narendra Kumar S/o Late B D Jain (Co-borrower),** Residence address No. 29/102-1, 6th Cross, 3rd Block, Thyagrajnagar, Bangalore – 560028 & **Mr. Manoj Kumar D S/o Late B D Jain ,** Address at C/o Indira Electricals, #644, 1st Main, 80ft. Road, 2nd Phase, Giri Nagar, Bangalore-560085, on their individual capacity to repay the amount **Rs. 39,57,139.21 (Rupees Thirty nine Lac Fifty Seven Thousand One Hundred Thirty Nine & paise Twenty One Only)** inclusive of Interest up to **31.03.2023** plus interest/charges from **01.04.2023** mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub section (4) of section13 of the Act read with relevant rules of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules,2002 on this **28.06.2023.**

The Borrowers in particular and the Public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Punjab & Sind Bank, Chickpet Area Branch, Bangalore-560053 for an amount **Rs. 40,23,852.21 (Rupees Forty Lakh Twenty Three Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Two and Paisa Twenty One Only) inclusive of Interest up to 31.05.2023 plus interest/charges from 01.06.2023 thereon till the date of realization.**

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of residential house bearing New Municipal No. 29/1 (old No. 29 and 102) on the Ground Floor, having BBMP PID No. 51-51-29/1, measuring 800 Sq.Ft. of super built up area, constructed on Schedule "A" property, consisting of Three Bed Rooms, one hall, one Kitchen, one Bath room, together with proportionate share in common area, shed, passages, lobbies, staircases and other areas of common use, in the name of Smt. Kiran M & Sh. Narendra Kumar D. Property bounded by : **East by** : Private Property, **West by** : Private Property, **North by** : Road and **South by** : Private Property.

Date : 01.07.2023 **Authorized Officer**
Place : Bangalore **Punjab & Sind Bank**

STORES E-PROCUREMENT

Tender Notice No.: S/15/2023-24, Dtd: 28-06-2023. E-Tender are invited by the undersigned for the following work. **Sl.No.**:1; **Tender No. :** 40/21/0584A/OT/100/2023-24; **Brief Description:** Set Return & Fresh Air filter for LHB type AC coaches, conf. to RDSO Spec. no. RDSO/PE/SPEC/AC/0055-2003 (Rev.2) with drg. no. RDSO/PE/SK/AC/0073-2004 (Rev.1) and RDSO/PE/SK/AC/0074-2004, (Rev.1) or latest, as per drg. no. RDSO Spec. no. RDSO/PE/SPEC/AC/0055-2003 (Rev-2) w specn: RDSO Spec. no. RDSO/PE/SPEC/AC/0055-2003 (Rev.2) with drg. no. RDSO/PE/SK/AC/0073-2004 (Rev.1) and Rd. (1) Qty-400 Set for Dibrugarh Town/Workshop/Depot, NFR (Assam). (2) Qty-500 Set for New Bongaigaon/Workshop/Depot, NFR (Assam). (3) Qty-10 Set for New Jalpaiguri/GSD, NFR (West Bengal). P.L.No-45210639. **Closing/Opening Date**: 24-07-2023. **Sl.No.**:2; **Tender No. :** 61/23/0009/OT/101/2023-24; **Brief Description:** SEJ 52kg as per Drg. No. RDSO/T-4160 with latest alteration no 7 and IRS specification T-10-2000 with latest corrigendum-NIL with all fitting as given in Annexure-1 but excluding GRSP, GFN liners, ERC-III. (1) Qty-10 Set for New Jalpaiguri/GSD, NFR (West Bengal). (2) Qty-10 Set for Pandu/GSD, NFR (Assam). P.L. No-60060130. **Closing/Opening Date**: 17-07-2023. **Sl.No.**:3; **Tender No. :** 37/23/0917/OT/102/2023-24; **Brief Description:** 3/4" (19.05) Dia Lock Bolt with collar required grip range minimum 31.75mm to maximum 38.10mm conforming to RDSO Specn No. IS/RDSO-WD/0001 : 2022. Qty-71000 Nos for New Bongaigaon/Workshop/Depot, NFR (Assam). P.L. No. 38300400. **Closing/Opening Date**: 17-07-2023. **Sl.No.**:4; **Tender No. :** 61/23/0063/OT/103/2023-24;**Brief Description:** Joggled fishplated 60kg to RDSO Drg. No. T-5849 (Alt-1) per set consists of two Fishplates, two clamps to Drg. No. RDSO T-5854 and two clamps to Drg. No. RDSO T-5654/1 with modified=86 B=96, C=184, D=172 and two bolts and nuts to Drg No. T-11525 with Single Coil Spring Washers to Drg No. T-10773. IRS Specification for Fishplate and Fishplate Bars, Serial No. T-1:2021 (First revision). (HSN Code:73024000) as per drg. No. T-5849. Qty-500 Nos for New Jalpaiguri/GSD, NFR (West Bengal). P.L. No. 60090133. **Closing/Opening Date**: 17-07-2023. **Sl.No.**:5; **Tender No. :** 77/23/0901/OT/104/2023-24; **Brief Description:** Paint Gentian Blue to RAL-5010. Material Spec-IS: 8662/2004 (2nd Rev) with additional requirement of ICF/MD/Spec-045, issue status 02, Rev-3 along with RDSO Amendment No 1 (Revision-0) for pigment content. Qty-65680 LTR New Bongaigaon Workshop Depot, NFR (Assam). P.L. No. 77115170. **Closing/Opening Date**: 19-07-2023. **Sl.No.**:6; **Tender No. :** 61/23/0079A/OT/105/2023-24; **Brief Description:** Manufacture and supply of Grooved Rubber sole Plates for Bridge Approach Sleepers to RDSO) Drawing No. T-4107, T-4114 & T-4115 with latest alterations and IRS Specification and amendment if any up to date. Qty-2000 Set for New Jalpaiguri/GSD, NFR (West Bengal). P.L. No. 600110995. **Closing/Opening Date**: 20-07-2023. **Sl.No.**:7; **Tender No. :** 10/23/3625/OT/106/2023-24; **Brief Description:** Element Fuel Filter Spin on for GM Locomotive to EMD part No. 8423132, Rev-E. (i) Qty-150 Nos for New Guwahati Depot, NFR (Assam). (ii) 1000 Nos for Siliguri Jn. Diesel Depot, NFR (West Bengal). P.L. No. 16240390. **Closing/Opening Date**: 26-07-2023. **Sl.No.**:8; **Tender No. :** 90/23/1103/OT/107/2023-24; **Brief Description:** Wood Based Resin Impregnated Pre Laminated Shaded Compreg 2400x1200x4mm, Colour "Stardust Grey" RDSO Specification No. C-K-513, with Amendment-6 & corrigendum-1 of June-2015. (i) 1782 Nos for New Bongaigaon Workshop Depot, NFR (Assam). (ii) 1181 Nos for Dibrugarh Town Workshop Depot, NFR (Assam). P.L. No. 93500865. **Closing/Opening Date**: 27-07-2023. **Note** :- For full details of Tender Notice and Tender Documents, Tenderer may log on to the website (**www.ireps.gov.in**) prospective bidder who intend to participate in above tenders are required to log in themselves with the above website and submit their offer electronically, if they are already registered with **IREPS**. In case they are not registered with **IREPS**, they are advised to obtain class-III Digital Signature Certificate from the certifying agencies under Govt. of India IT Act 2000 and participate in the above tenders.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that my clients have agreed to purchase the Schedule Property from its sole and absolute owner **Mr. LOKESH** S/o Late Honnaiah residing at: Puradapalya, Doddamaranahalli, Tavarekere Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk.

Apart from the said owner, if any other person/s have any manner of claim or right or interest or charge or lien in or over the Schedule property, or otherwise have any lawful objection/s for the sale of Schedule property by the owner, they are hereby called upon to file their objections with the supporting documents with the undersigned within 10 days from the date of publication of this public notice. Objections received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the non-agricultural industrial land measuring East to West on the Northern side 389 ft. & on the Southern side 372 ft. and North to South on the Eastern side 155 ft.& on the Western side 155.7 ft. in Sy.No.41/2 situated at Puradapalya Village, Tavarekere Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk and bounded on:

East by : Remaining portion of the land bearing Sy.No.41/2
West by : Road
North by : Land bearing Sy.No.41/1
South by : Road and thereafter land bearing Sy.No.41/3

Sd/- S.F. Goutam Chand
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POSSESSION NOTICE

(FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY) APPENDIX IV under Act- Rule 8(1)

Whereas, the Authorized Officer of **Bank of Baroda, K G Road Branch,** Bangalore under the securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Sec 13(2) read with Rule-3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued Demand Notice dated **16.03.2023** calling upon the **1) Sri Vijay Kumar P,** S/o Sri Prakash, No 8, Ellamma Temple Road, Horamavu Post, Bangalore – 560043 (Borrower). **2) Smt Manjula M,** W/o Sri Prakash, No 8, Ellamma Temple Road, Horamavu Post, Bangalore – 560043 (Co-Borrower) to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being under of **Rs.48,79,633.21** (Rupees Forty Eight lakhs Seventy Nine Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Three and Paise Twenty One Only) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor of the property having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/Guarantor/Owner of the property in particular and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **27thday of June of the year 2023.**

The borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Bank of Baroda for an amount of **Rs.48,79,633.21** (Rupees Forty Eight lakhs Seventy Nine Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Three and Paise Twenty One Only) plus interest thereon along with cost.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Equitable Mortgage of Deposit of Title Deeds of Residential property bearing Gramatana, Khaneshumari Khatha No 88, situated at Horamavu Village, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore - 560043 and bounded by: East: Formerly Road presently Mariyamma Temple Street, West: Formerly Yamanna's House presently Narayanappa's House, North: Formerly Shamanna's House presently Vasudev House, South By: Formerly Road presently Cross Road.

Place: Bengaluru Sd/- Authorised Officer
Date: 27.06.2023 Bank of Baroda,
K G Road Branch

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

(GATI SHAKTI/ MADURAI)
E-TENDER
TENDER NOTICE NO GS-MDU-16A-2023 DATED 29.06.2023

For and on behalf of The President of India, the Chief Project Manager, Gati Shakti, Southern Railway, Madurai-625 016 invites e-tender for the work as per Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) in our portal **www.ireps.gov.in** The tenderers/Contractors intending to apply for the tender needs to get enrolled in the portal **www.ireps.gov.in** and only **online tenders will be accepted.**

Sl. No.	Tender No.	Name of Work	Approximate cash value in ₹ Lakhs	Bid Security / EMD in ₹
1	GS-MDU-13A-2023-01	Madurai Division - Raising and Extension of Existing Medium Level Platform No.1 to high Level at Palayankottai (PCO) Railway Station	70.34	140700
2	GS-MDU-13A-2023-03	Madurai Division- Extension and raising of Existing medium Level Platform No.1 to high level at Alwar Tirunagari (AWT) Railway Station.	82.62	165300
3	GS-MDU-13A-2023-04	Madurai Division - Raising and extension of Existing Medium Level Platform No. 1 to high level at Kachanavila (KCHV) Railway Station.	67.60	135200
4	GS-MDU-13A-2023-07	Madurai Division - Raising and extension of Existing Medium Level Platform No.1 to high level at Ezhukone (EKN) Railway Station	118.39	209200
5	GS-MDU-13A-2023-14	Madurai Division - "1. Raising of Existing Medium Level Platform No.1 to high level at MANDAPAM CAMP (MC) Railway Station. 2. Extension of Platform No.1 & 2 at UCHIPULI (UCP) Railway Station. 3. Extension of Platform No.1 at MANDAPAM (MMM) Railway Station. 4. Extension of Platform No.2 & 3 at SIVAGANGA (SVGA) Railway Station."	246.34	273200
6	GS-MDU-13A-2023-15	Madurai Division - Raising of Existing Medium Level Platform No.1 to high level at Madurai East (MES) and Vadipatti (VDP) Railway Station.	163.64	231800
7	GS-MDU-13A-2023-17	Madurai Division - Raising of Existing Medium Level Platform No.2 to high Level at Aruppukottai (APK) Railway Station	144.61	222300

Period of completion in months: Sl. Nos. 1 to 7: Six months.
Tender Closing Date: Sl. Nos. 1 to 7: 21.07.2023
For further details, refer to web site portal **www.ireps.gov.in**
It is responsibility of the tenderer to check any Corigendum issued for any correction or modifications uploaded subsequently in the website, the same shall be taken into account while submiting tender.

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(Rule 8 (1) **POSSESSION NOTICE** (for immovable property) (Symbolically)

Whereas the undersigned being the authorised officer of **The Bangalore City Co.operative Bank Ltd., A.O., No.3, Pampamahakavi Road, Chamarajapet, Bangalore-18** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Ordinance, 2002 (Ord. 3 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued and demand notice calling upon the undersigned borrowers/ legal heirs to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers /legal heirs having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers /legal heirs and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Ordinance read with rule 9 of the said rule.

The borrowers / legal heirs in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **The Bangalore City Co.operative Bank Ltd., A.O., No.3, Pampamahakavi Road, Chamarajapet, Bangalore-18.**

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

Sl.No.	Name of the Loanee	Balance Outstanding	Particulars of Immovable Property & Measurement
HRBR LAYOUT BRANCH			
01	Sri. S.R. Rajan Babu & Smt. Krishnaveni	Demand Notice Dated : 10.03.2023 Possession Notice Dated: 26.06.2023 Balance outstanding: Rs. 20,03,251/- as on : 26.06.2023	Khaneshumari No.457, Door No.32, Property No.89, Khatha Sl No.05, situated at Dhobi Lane, Kadugondanahalli Village, Bangalore North Taluk, Presently coming under the Jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No. 30 of Kadugondanahalli, Kasaba Hobli, Bengaluru. **Measuring: East to West : 22 feet & North to South : 18 feet** East by : **12 feet Wide Road,** West by : **3 feet Wide Common Passage & then property belonging to Mr. Dhanapal's family** North by : **Private property** South by : **Road.**
RAMANAGARA TOWN BRANCH			
02	Sri. Venkataramanaswamy. T	Demand Notice Dated : 20.04.2023 Possession Notice Dated: 26.06.2023 Balance outstanding: Rs. 62,49,598/- as on : 26.06.2023	New Municipal No. Old Khatha No.4026/3622, New No.1398/4026, A.V.R. Road, Purasabhe, J.C. Layout, Teachers Colony, Kanakapura Town, Ward No. 17, Ramanagar District. **Measuring: East to West : 40 feet & North to South : 40 feet** East by : **Sri. Seenappa's property** West by : **Sri. Nagaraju's property** North by : **Municipal Road** South by : **Conservancy Galli.**

Date: 01.07.2023 Sd/- Authorized Officer
Place: Bangalore The Bangalore City Co-operative Bank Ltd.,

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, **The Karur Vysya Bank Ltd,** the **constructive/physical** (whichever is applicable) possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **The Karur Vysya Bank Ltd.,** Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 19.07.2023,** for recovery of **Rs.35,63,245.07/- (Rupees Thirty Five Lakhs Sixty Three Thousand Two Hundred Fourty Five and Paisa Seven only)** due to the **Karur Vysya Bank Ltd,** Secured Creditor from the **Borrower: (1) Mr. B.K.Ravi Kumar** S/o Krishnamurthy, No.27, 15th Main, D Group Layout, Srigandhakaval, Annapoorneswari Nagar, Near Achuth Part Apartment, Bangalore-560091, and **(2) Mrs. N.Pavithra** W/o Mr. B.K.Ravi Kumar, residing at No.27, 15th Main, D Group Layout, Srigandhakaval, Annapoorneswari Nagar, Near Achuth Part Apartment, Bangalore-560091. The reserve price will be **be Rs.23,50,000/- (Rupees Twenty Three Lakhs and Fifty Thousand only)** and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs. 2,35,000/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Thirty Five Thousand only).**

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Residential Site and Building, Site No. 76 formed converted Land in Sy.No. 1/7 measuring 0-16 Guntas and Sy.No. 1/8 measuring 0-16 Guntas totally measuring 0-32 Guntas situated at Ganakallu Village, Tavarakere Hobali, Bengaluru South Taluk, duly converted from agricultural top non agricultural residential purposes as per Official memorandum No. ALN: (S.T-2) SR/68:2012-13 dated 26.12.2012, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore measuring east to West: 30-0 feet, North to South : 40-0 feet, totally measuring 1200 Sq.ft along with 08 Square RCC Roofed and vitrified Tiles building and bounded as under : East : Road, West : Site No. 81, North : Site No. 75, South : Site No. 77.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in our Bank's/ Secured Creditor's website i.e **www.kvb.co.in/Property** Under Auction also at the web portal **BankAuctions.in/ForeclosureIndia.com** of the service provider, **M/s. 4 closure.**

Statutory 15 Days' Notice under Rule 9(1) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002

The borrower/s and guarantor/s are hereby notified to pay the dues as mentioned above along with up to date interest and ancillary expenses before the date of e-Auction, failing which the Schedule property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues, if any, will be recovered with interest and cost.

Date : 01.07.2023 Sd/- Authorized Officer
Place: Bangalore THE KARUR VYSYA BANK LIMITED

Reg. No. DYR.302 Estd: 1963

Railwaymen's House Building Co-Operative Society Ltd.,

No. 197/B, Railway Qtrs, M.G. Railway Colony, Bengaluru-23

Notice to Members

Railwaymen's House Building Co-operative Society (Ltd.) **Election for the Board of Directors, Monday 17-07-2023** The election schedule has already been sent by post to the eligible members. Therefore, eligible members are requested to take active participation in the election.

Please Note :-
Photo ID card is mandatory for the members actively participating in the elections, those who do not have it, can visit the office of the society along with their two recent passport size photographs.

Election Date and Venue:
Date :17-07-2023, Monday
9-00 am to 4-00 pm
Shree Rama Mandira Trust (R),
Sri Sri Sri Balagangadharnath Swamiji Road,
7th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore-560 003.

Members who have not received the notice of the election schedule are requested to participate in the election treating this as Notice.

Sd/-
K. Chandrasekhara Bhat
Chief Executive Officer,
Railwaymen's House Building
Co-operative Society (ltd.) Bangalore-23.
Date : 02-07-2023

SMART CITY THIRUVANANTHAPURAM LIMITED

CIN U75302KL2017SGC05027

E-TENDER NOTICE

E-Tenders are invited for the following projects of Smart City Thiruvananthapuram Limited Project Area 1) Request for proposal RFP for Selection of Contractor for Development of Smart Roads and Underground Ducting Including Utility Shifting of Water Supply and Power lines in ABD area Under Smart (Corporation Roads) in Thiruvananthapuram

Sl. No.	Name of Project	E Tender ID	PAC Amount (Exclusive of GST)	Bid Submission Last Date
Selection of Contractor for Development of Smart Roads and Underground Ducting including Utility Shifting of Water Supply and Power lines in ABD area Under Smart (Corporation Roads) in Thiruvananthapuram				
1	Road ID 42 (KK Road)	2023_SCTLT_550795_3	Rs. 2,59,55,590/-	05/07/2023
2	Road ID 43 (Marakkada Road)	2023_SCTLT_550815_3	Rs. 2,29,11,634/-	05/07/2023
3	Road ID 31 A (Keezhe Thampanoor Road)	2023_SCTLT_551304_3	Rs. 3,20,36,478/-	05/07/2023

Date and Time of Opening Price Bid: To Be Intimated Separately to Technically Qualified Bidders by e-mail. All the RFP documents and details are available on the e-Procurement Website. Bids are only accepted online on the Website https://etenders.kerala.gov.in,

(Sd/-), CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, SMART CITY THIRUVANANTHAPURAM Ltd.

CITY UNION BANK LIMITED

CUB — TRUST AND EXCELLENCE SINCE 1904
Credit Recovery and Management Department
Administrative Office: No.24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612001. **E-Mail id:** crmd@cityunionbank.in, **Phone:** 0435-2432322, **Fax:** 0435-2431746

RE-TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following property/ies mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Re-Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.21,60,768/- (Rupees Twenty One Lakh Sixty Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Eight only)** as on **26-06-2023** together with further interest to be charged from **27-06-2023** onwards and other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors **No.1) M/s. M.Y. Silk, Haji Nagara, 1376 1696, Ward No.12, Ramanagara, Karnataka - 562159. No.2) Mr. Mohammed Hafiz, S/o. Late Mohammed Yakub, No.62, Ward No.2, 2nd Cross, Behind Police Bhavan, Ramanagara - 562159. No.3) Mrs. Shabana Begum, W/o. Mr. Hafiz Pasha, No.47, Haji Nagara, Ramanagara - 562159. No.4) Mrs. Razia Begum, W/o. Late Mohammed Yakub, Haji Nagara, Ward No.2, Behind Police Bhavan, Ramanagara - 562159.**

Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank
Schedule - A : (Property Owned by Mrs. Razia Begum, W/o. Late. Mohammed Yakub)

All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Khata No.176/175//1382/1717, consisting of East to West - 60 feet, North to South - 30 feet, of land situated at Ward No.2, Haji Nagar, 1st Stage, Behind BM Road, Ramanagara Town, Ramanagara District. Bounded on:- East by - Municipal Road, West by - Site No.15, North by - Property of Mohammed Yakub, South by - Portion Sold to Ameen Pasha and Property of Mohammed.

Reserve Price : Rs.20,00,000/-
(Rupees Twenty Lakh only)

RE-AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
20-07-2023	City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Ramanagara Branch, B.M.Road, 316 I Stage, Near Bus Stand, Bengaluru-Mysore Main Road, Ramanagara, Bengaluru Rural, Karnataka - 571511. Telephone No.080-27276688, Cell No.9379511195.

Terms and Conditions of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale :

(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself / herself. **(2)** The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Ramanagara Branch, B.M.Road, 316 I Stage, Near Bus Stand, Bengaluru-Mysore Main Road, Ramanagara, Bengaluru Rural, Karnataka - 571511. (3)** The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.,** together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of **10%** of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 12.00 Noon** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. **(4)** For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact **Telephone No.080-27276688, Cell No.9379511195. (5)** The property/ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever- there is" basis. **(6)** The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **01.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. **(7)** The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD paid)** of the sale amount **immediately** on completion of sale and the balance amount of **75%** within **15 days** from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of **25%** shall be forfeited. **(8)** The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. **(9)** The successful purchaser shall bear the charges / fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. **(10)** The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. **(11)** The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 30-06-2023 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office: 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287, **Telephone No.**0435-2402322, **Fax:** 0435-2431746, **Website:** www.cityunionbank.com

SIR M. VISVESVARAYA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED

Corporate Office: #109, Shankar mutt Road, Shankarpuram, Bangalore – 560 004.
www.vcb.co.in, Email: corporate@vcb.co.in PH No. 22956419 / 420

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

It is notified for all concerned that the following property is secured in favour of **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Ltd.** and as secured creditor taken possession under SARFAESI Act 2002, will be sold by e-auction on **27.07.2023 "as is where is and as is what is basis"** for recovery of Bank dues. This is a notice to the borrower/s, Mortgagor/s and to the guarantor/s of the below said loan about holding of E-Auction sale on the said date, if their outstanding dues are not repaid in full by the date of auction.

1. NAME AND ADDRESS OF BORROWER/S, MORTGAGOR/S & GUARANTOR/S:

1.M/s.Yashas Electricals, No.80/B,Nehru Road, 1st Phase, Girinagar, Bangalore- 560 085. represented by its proprietor Late N.B.Rajeev. Since Sri.N.B.Rajeev is deceased, represented by his legal heirs **a. Smt. Sunitha Raj.N, b. Smt. Prathiksha Rajeev, c. Smt. Niriksha Rajeev, All are residing at** No.1177/A, 7th Cross, 1st 'E' Main, Girinagar, Bangalore – 560 085. **2. Smt.Sunitha Raj.N,** No.1177/A, 7th Cross, 1st 'E' Main, Girinagar, Bangalore-560085. **3. Smt. Prathiksha Rajeev** No.1177/A, 7th Cross, 1st 'E' Main, Girinagar, Bangalore-560085. **4. Smt. Niriksha Rajeev,** No.1177/A, 7th Cross, 1st 'E' Main, Girinagar, Bangalore-560085.

The under mentioned property will be sold by "Online e-Auction through website : **https://www.bankeauction.com** on **27.07.2023** for Recovery of an amount for **Rs.5,27,06,623/-** (Rupees Five Crores Twenty Seven Lakhs Six Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty Three Only) due and payable by you as on **30.06.2023** with further interest, incidental expenses, costs, charges and other expenses thereon.

Description of the property: Schedule - A: Property belonging to Smt. Sunitha Raj bearing No.4148, Old No.747, New No.189/1, Hoskerehalli, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, layout formed by Vishwabharathi House Building Co Operative Society, Corporation Ward No.54, measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 60 feet, in all totally measuring 1800 Sq.ft and building there on and bounded on: East by : Site No.756 (presently Site No.189/3) West by : Road (presently site No.189) North by : Site No.748 (presently site No.151 & 150) South by : Site No.746 (presently Road)
Schedule-B: The Property belonging to late.N.B.Rajeev, bearing No.1177/A, formed by the Vishwabharathi House Building Co-operative Society Ltd., Hosakerehalli, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, New Municipal No.2, 7th Cross, Girinagar 2nd Phase, BBMP Ward No.54, PID No.54-240-2, Srinivasanagar, Bangalore, measuring East to West 60 feet and North to South (36+27)/2 feet, in all measuring 1890 sq.ft.with building there on and bounded on: East by: Road, West by: Site No.1210, North by: Site No.1177, South by: S.W.Drain.

Reserve Price	**Schedule - A: 249.00 Lakhs, Schedule - B: Rs. 159.00 Lakhs**
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	**Schedule - A: Rs. 25.00 Lakhs, Schedule - B: Rs. 15.90 Lakhs**
Bid increment Amount	**Schedule - A: Rs. 2.50 Lakhs, Schedule - B: Rs. 1.59 Lakhs**
Last date for submission of tender form along with EMD and KYC documents	**26.07.2023 Upto 4.30 PM**
Date and time of opening of online offers	**e–auction Portal: www.bankeauction.com 27.07.2023, Thursday, from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM (with unlimited auto extension of 5 minutes)**
Bank account in which EMD to be remitted.	**Through EFT/ NEFT/ RTGS/ Demand drafts/ Bankers cheque in favor "Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Limited, Bangalore" Branch: RAJARAJESHWARI NAGAR, Mob : 9740516973 Branch Code: 011016100000001 IFSC Code: MVCB0000011**

1) The Immovable Property will be sold on **"AS IS WHERE IS, WHATEVER THERE & WITHOUT RECOURSE BASIS".** As such sale is without any kind of warranties & indemnities. **2)** For participation in the auction the intending bidders have to deposit an amount equivalent to 10% of the Reserve Price of the property being caution deposit through EFT/ NEFT/RTGS for above concerned branch. The Demand Draft/Banker's Cheque/Pay Order shall be drawn after the date of publication of this Auction Sale Notice. **3)** The property 'SHALL NOT be sold below the reserve price **4)** The successful bidder shall have to deposit 25% of the sale price, including EMD amount already deposited, immediately on acceptance of bid price by the Authorized Officer i.e. before closure of business hours on the same day or not later than next working day and the balance 75% of the sale price on or before 15th day from confirmation of sale. Default in deposit of any of the above mentioned amount(s) within the period stipulated herein by the successful bidder would entail forfeiture of the entire money already deposited and Properties shall be put to auction again and the defaulting bidder shall have no claim / right in respect of Properties/ amount deposited. **5)** The successful bidder shall bear all the necessary expenses like applicable stamp duties / additional stamp duty/transfer charges, Registration expenses, fees etc. for transfer of the property in its/his/her name. **6)** The Authorized Officer/Bank is not bound to accept the highest offer and has the absolute right to accept or reject any or all offer(s) or adjourn/postpone / cancel the e-Auction or withdraw any property or portion thereof from the auction proceedings at any stage without assigning any reason there for. **7)** The property can be inspected by the intending bidder **between Date: 26.07.2023 and 10.00 AM to 4.30 PM** at his expenses at the address mentioned in the schedule. **8)** The sale shall be subject to provisions of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. **9)** The intending bidders shall satisfy himself about the title, ownership, statutory approvals, encumbrances etc., of the property. **10)** Please refer to the link **https://www.bankeauctions.com** and **website: www.vcb.co.in** for detailed terms and conditions of the sale. **11**) All disputes, differences and controversies between the parties are subject to Bangalore Jurisdiction only, **STATUTORY 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 8(6) OF THE SARFAESI

Former champions Windies fail to qualify for 2023 WC

The **Shai Hope**-led West Indies crashed out of the race to qualify for the 2023 50-over World Cup in India, after Scotland shocked them by seven wickets in a Super Six match of the qualifier in Harare. The champions of 1975 and 1979 editions, this is the first time in the 48 years of tournament history that West Indies won't feature among the top 10 teams in limited overs cricket.

The cricketing carnival returns to India after 12 years. With ten venues hosting the 48-game tournament over 46 days, a detailed look at the nine venues (India don't play in Hyderabad), where the Men in Blue will be pursuing their quest for global glory...

INDIA WC ITINERARY: GROUND ASSESSMENT

Venue: MA Chidambaram Stadium, Chennai

No of matches: 5

History: For a venue that saw Australia chase down New Zealand's 286 with ease in the quarterfinals of 1996 edition, the surfaces here have undergone somewhat of a remarkable transition this century. In 2011 for instance, England defended 171 against South Africa on a low surface.

India match: vs Australia, October 8

What to expect: Do not expect a high-scoring thriller. When these two sides met here earlier this year, the spinners accounted for 15 wickets on a surface that gripped. Batters will look to be extra aggressive in the powerplay as once the slow bowlers come on, scoring will become hard.

Weather watch: The retreating monsoon will be round the corner. It's one of the reasons why Chennai doesn't host any games in November at this year's edition.

Venue: Arun Jaitley Stadium, Delhi

No of matches: 5

History: Formerly known as the Feroz Shah Kotla Stadium, the venue at the India's capital is the second oldest in India (1883). Over the years, the historic venue has witnessed several landmarks, including Sunil Gavaskar's 29th Test ton, Sachin Tendulkar's 35th Test hundred, Anil Kumble's 10-fer in an innings and more.

India match: vs Afghanistan, October 11

What to expect: In the 26 games so far, the average run-rate is 4.6 with 330/8 (WI vs NED, 2011) being the highest total. While the infrastructure is something the DDCA is looking to improve before the tournament, the conditions might not change much, spinners are expected to dominate as it has been the case in recent years. Should Afghan spinners led-by Rashid Khan get on a roll, expect a tough task at hand for the Indian batting.

Weather watch: With October expected to be a dry month in Delhi, there might be little impact on the proceedings.

Venue: Maharashtra Cricket Association Stadium

No of matches: 5

History: Another newer stadium among the venues to host India. The last time India played here was in 2021 — a series of high-scoring encounters against England. Criticised for open roof, with spectators getting the beating of the sun, the state association is in the process of building a new makeshift roof that covers at least a few stands.

India match: vs Bangladesh, October 19

What to expect: If it remains true to its nature, the venue will see batters thrive through the 100 overs. No score could be safe here unless you have a world class bowling attack. Against Bangladesh, it will have to have a really bad day with the bat to not finish on the right side of the result.

Weather watch: October sees a fair bit of rainfall in Pune, and it might affect the games at the venue. Expect teams to opt to chase eyes closed if they win the toss.

Venue: HPCA Stadium, Dharamsala

No of matches: 5

History: Located on the foothills of the Himalayas, it is arguably one of the most scenic cricket grounds in the world. From its first international game in 2013, Dharamsala has become one of the go-to venues for important clashes. At the moment, the venue is undergoing renovation with new drainage system, air-evacuation system and ryegrass (best suited for cold conditions) being brought in from overseas.

India match: vs New Zealand, October 22

What to expect: This is one of the clashes where the hosts might be at disadvantage. The conditions in Dharamsala (1,457 m above the sea level) will assist seam and swing — something the Black Caps thrive on — especially in day-night games. Adam Milne, Matt Henry, Henry Shipley, Trent Boult (should he play) could be as good a pace attack can be in those conditions.

Weather watch: Cold conditions expected, and dew under the lights could be a decisive factor.

Venue: Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad

No. of matches: 5

History: Known as Motera/Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Stadium in past, it is now the biggest in the country in terms of capacity (over 1,30,000). From Gavaskar's 10,000th Test run to Sachin Tendulkar's 18,000th ODI run to the epic quarterfinal clash between India and Australia in 2011 WC, the stadium has seen it all.

India match: vs Pakistan, October 15

What to expect: For starters, a packed crowd, especially for the clash between two arch-rivals (assuming the match goes ahead here). Since its renovation, the ground has been favourable for the batters in white-ball cricket. However, high-end pace has been effective, especially with the new ball — cue for Shaheen Shah Afridi & Co. How India tackles Afridi and others upfront will hold key.

Weather watch: While there is very little to read regarding rain, dew could play a role in the second innings.

Venue: Ekana Cricket Stadium, Lucknow

No of matches: 5

History: It is the newest stadium to host India in the World Cup this year. Has been host to Afghanistan whenever they play international games in India. India played for the first time in 2018. After coming under the radar for the pitches dished out during 2023 IPL, the ground is now under renovation, with red soil wickets to be laid out for the marquee event.

India match: vs England, October 29

What to expect: If the proposed changes go as plan, the venue could prove to be one of the batting-friendly venues. England, with the brand of cricket they have been playing, could make the most of it and so will India. How the bowling attacks tackles the conditions could be the key factor in this marquee clash.

Weather watch: Cold conditions expected, and dew under the lights could be a decisive factor.

Venue: Wankhede Stadium, Mumbai

No of matches: 5

History: It is the ground where India lifted the World Cup in 2011. Where the 28-year long agony ended. One of the iconic venues in the country, the Wankhede will host the clash between India and Qualifier 2 and the semifinal the hosts play (should they qualify) unless they are facing Pakistan.

India match: vs Qualifier 2, November 2

What to expect: A high-scoring encounter. If the 2011 summit clash was the perfect example to make a case for chasing at the venue, since then, the ground has become all the more flatter, barring the swing pacers might get early one with the breeze from the sea. That said, it is a venue where batters will have the upper hand.

Weather watch: There could be a little bit of residual rain, dew will have more say than the skies.

Venue: Eden Gardens, Kolkata

No of matches: 5

History: As the oldest ground in the country, it holds a special place in the cricketing history of India. It was the venue for the 1987 World Cup final and the 1996 semifinal — where India faced Sri Lanka and the match was abandoned midway with crowd rioting after poor show from hosts. This time, too, it will be host for one of the semifinals where Pakistan will play should they qualify.

India match: vs South Africa, November 5

What to expect: Having not hosted many games in the past three years, it is hard to predict what to expect. That being said, it could be one of those grounds where the ODI cricket of formative years — get your eye in and capitalise in back end — could work especially with pacers having some assistance early on in the innings.

Weather watch: While there might not be much rain, dew is expected to play a massive role in Kolkata later in the evening.

Venue: M Chinnaswamy Stadium, Bengaluru

No. of matches: 5

History: Possibly one of the best batting surfaces in India. You get full value for shots not just because of the small boundaries but also because the nature of the outfield. Somewhat surprisingly, the venue has hosted only three ODIs in the last decade but the lowest was 286; that gives you an indication.

India match: vs Qualifier 1, November 11

What to expect: If it's Sri Lanka, the could face a proper test. The surface will largely be true and both captains may stick to the basics of pace to open and close, while having spinners in operation through the middle. It could easily be a day when a target of 290 could be touch and go.

Weather watch: This is around the time when the Bay starts to become active so any system that affects Chennai could well see some remnants in Bengaluru. It's usually dry and pleasant, though.

Neeraj shines like Diamond again

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @ Chennai

NEERAJ Chopra is seemingly blessed with un-Indian athletic genes. If his still nascent elite top-end career had seen him break the pack early doors by dominating stacked line-ups, he reached into his bag of tricks to manufacture something he has never had to do before. Come from behind to upstage his opponents.

On a cold Lausanne on Friday night, Chopra, coming back from a muscle strain, had an indifferent begin. His usual MO is to set the tempo and ask the field to play catch up. As the table shows, most of his wins, including the Olympic gold, have come from his first two throws.

In Switzerland, though, the javelin ace was found wanting — by his very high standards — in his first two attempts. After registering no mark in the first throw, his second of 83.52m took him upto third place. It clearly wasn't the greatest javelin condition but Chopra found a way to fight against the tide. His third throw was 85.04 before another no mark followed.

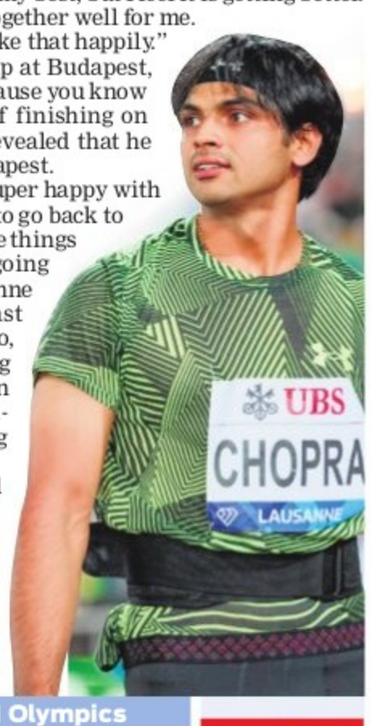
While the others seemingly struggled, Chopra had finally gotten the hang of conditions. In his fifth throw, he hurled the spear to a distance of 87.66m to walk away with a second first-place finish in as many Diamond League meetings this year. He may have been forced to miss three tune-up events — never good, especially in a World Championships year — in June but that's the thing with Chopra.

He's seemingly someone who doesn't need mileage in his legs to get back into competition mode. He opened the season in Doha by picking up maximum points and now leads the standings. After the event, he conceded that he was feeling nervous. Perhaps, it kind of explains why he had to take the scenic route to beat his rivals. "I was feeling a bit nervous coming back from an injury," he told the organisers. "It was a bit cold here tonight (Friday). I am still far from my best, but I feel it is getting better. I am relieved it's coming together well for me. A win is a win and I will take that happily."

With a Worlds coming up at Budapest, these wins tend to help because you know you have alternate ways of finishing on top. The 25-year-old also revealed that he not compete again till Budapest.

"I wanted to win so I'm super happy with the results but I also want to go back to training and fix some of the things that I noticed and that are going to make me stronger. Lausanne always treats me well. Last year I won and this year too, so I look forward to coming again next year and win again! The next competition, Budapest, will be a big one for me"

In this mood, you would want to be in his corner. That tells you everything you need to know about Chopra, who's almost a banker these days. Not many Indians give you that feeling.



Neeraj since 2021 Olympics

Key	Venue	Distance	Attempt	Final place
*	Lausanne	87.66	5	1
*	Doha	88.67	1	1
#	Zurich	88.44	2	1
*	Lausanne	89.08	1	1
@	Eugene	88.13	4	2
*	Stockholm	89.94	1	2
&	Kuortane	86.69	1	1
&	Turku	89.30	2	1
+	Tokyo	87.58	2	1

KEY

* Diamond League
# DL final
@ World Championships
& Other elite events
+ Olympics

Deepak, Nishant secure Asiad berths; Amit & Nitu miss out

AGENCIES @ New Delhi

WORLD Championship bronze medallist boxers Deepak Bhoria (51kg) and Nishant Dev (71kg) were on Saturday named in the Indian men's boxing team for this year's Asian Games in Hangzhou, China after undergoing assessment.

Parveen Hooda (57kg), the 2022 Worlds bronze medallist, Commonwealth Games bronze medallist Jaismine Lamboria (60kg), Arundhati Chaudhary and Preeti Pawar joined star boxers Nikhat Zareen (51kg) and Lovlina Borgohain (75kg) in the women's team for the continental event to be held from September 23 to October 8. Two-time world champion Nikhat and Tokyo Olympics bronze medallist Lovlina had automatically qualified for the Asian Games by virtue of reaching the final of the World Championships in March.

Squad: Women: Nikhat Zareen (51kg), Preeti Pawar (54kg), Parveen Hooda (57kg), Jaismine Lamboria (60kg), Arundhati Chaudhary (66kg), Lovlina Borgohain (75kg).

Men: Deepak Bhoria (51kg), Sachin Siwach (57kg), Shiva Thapa (63.5kg), Nishant Dev (71kg), Lakshya Chahar (80kg), Sanjeet (92kg), Narender Berwal (+92kg).

Hope Ashwin is made captain for Asiad: Karthik

GOMESH S @ Chennai

WITH the Indian cricketing board looking to send both the men's and women's team for the Asian Games, Dinesh Karthik has said that his fellow India and Tamil Nadu teammate R Ashwin should be made captain for the event if the BCCI decides to send a men's 'B' team for the multi-sport event that will be clashing with the ODI World Cup in India.

"Ashwin is arguably one of the greatest cricketers, in terms of the quality of bowling, the number of wickets he has taken, and the multiple player of the series awards he has won. I genuinely wish, if India sends a B team to this Asian Games, because the main team will be preparing for the World Cup and if they feel Ashwin is not part of the ODI setup, I really hope and wish that they make him the captain cause I think he deserves it," said Karthik at a Parimatch Sports event in Chennai on Saturday.

"He is someone who has earned the right to be the captain of Team India through his achievements. I really hope and wish that the selectors take the call to make him the captain in the Asian Games which I think will be a feather on his hat that is something very well deserved for him," he said.

'Keen to play Vijay Hazare'

Having missed the previous domestic season due to national duties, Karthik is keen on playing white-ball cricket for Tamil Nadu in the coming season. While he will miss the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy owing to his broadcasting commitments during the ODI World Cup, the 38-year-old said that he is looking forward to playing in the Vijay Hazare Trophy.

"I will inform Tamil Nadu selectors that I am available for the Vijay Hazare trophy. That is something I am very keen on playing," he said.

EXPRESS READ

Ashes: England need 257 to win on Day 5

LONDON: After bowling out Australia for 279 in the second innings, hosts England were 114/4 at stumps on Day 4 of the second Ashes Test on Saturday. Ben Duckett was batting on 50 with Ben Stokes at the other end on 29. **Brief scores:** Australia 416 & 279 in 101.5 ovs (Broad 4/65) vs England 325 & 114/4 in 31 ovs (Duckett 50 n.o).

Verstappen wins sprint at Austrian GP

AUSTRIA: Max Verstappen led team-mate Sergio Perez home with a dominant display as Red Bull stormed to a comfortable one-two in Saturday's wet-dry sprint race at the Austrian Grand Prix. Ferrari's Carlos Sainz finished third ahead of the two Aston Martins of Lance Stroll and Fernando Alonso.

Duleep Trophy: Central, North Zone enter semis

BENGALURU: Riding on an excellent eight-wicket haul by Saurabh Kumar, Central Zone advanced to the semifinals of the Duleep Trophy with a facile 170-run win over East Zone here on Saturday. They will play West Zone in the semifinal in Alur on July 5. Meanwhile, North Zone overpowered North East Zone by 511 runs to book their semifinal berth.

SAFF CHAMPIONSHIPS

India hold nerve to down Lebanon in shoot-out to enter final

VISHNU PRASAD @ Bengaluru

IN the end, it was nervy! But a spirited display by India saw them progress to the final of the SAFF Championships, downing Lebanon in a match that went all the way to a penalty shootout at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium on Saturday.

Despite India having the better of it, the game remained goalless in normal time and the subsequent thirty added minutes. In the penalty shootout, India converted all four of their spot-kicks while Lebanon failed with two of their four efforts. It was Lebanon who started stronger and the opening exchanges featured a few nervy moments for India. Their line-up included a number of new faces from the one that lost to India in the final of the Intercontinental Cup and it showed.

The Blue Tigers, though, regained control of the game as the first half went on, rediscovering their combative edge. The first real chance for India came in the 16th minute as Sahal Abdul Samad failed to get the ball on target from close range, after being fed by Sunil Chhetri. Then, just four minutes later, Pritam Kotal missed his chance after being found at the far post. India never did look as threatening in the rest of the first half as they did in the opening ten minutes, but that is not to say Lebanon did not have their chances. The best of those came in the 41st minute as a freekick from Nader Matar forced Indian keeper Gurpreet Singh Sandhu into an acrobatic save.

India's Sunil Chhetri in action during the penalty shoot out on Saturday | VINOD KUMAR T

The second half picked off where the first had ended, as both teams fought aggressively for the ball. With India coach Igor Stimac banned for the rest of the tournament, it was left to Lebanon coach Aleksander Ilic to provide the touchline histrionics as he furiously protested almost every single one of the referee's decisions. Lebanon went close in the 58th minute as Matar again went close, firing narrowly wide after being found by Hussein Zein. But it was obvious that, after a hard-fought hour, the Lebanese players were tiring. Players were staying down more often, allowing their teammates to catch their breath.

India attempted to exploit any such fatigue, refreshing their lineup with a triple substitution in the 74th minute. Akash Mishra, Mahesh Singh Naorem and Rohit Kumar came on for Subashish Bose, Sahal and Anirudh Thapa. With just five minutes left for normal time to end, Indian players were up in arms as what looked like a handball within the Lebanon penalty area went unpunished by the referee. The Indians pressed relentlessly for a winner with a succession of corners, one of which even struck the crossbar. But whatever was left of normal time ended without a goal.

India continued to pile on the pressure during extra time, but Lebanon's defence stood firm.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

The rocket carrying the European Space Agency's Euclid telescope took off from Florida on Saturday morning, the first step in a mission to study dark matter.

A ban on Russian flights over Norway, introduced in reaction to the war in Ukraine, also applies to drones, the Norwegian Supreme Court said in a ruling handed down Friday.

WHY SIGNING ARTEMIS ACCORDS ADVANCES INDIA'S SPACE AMBITIONS

KETAN NAROTTTAM TANNA @ New Delhi

On June 23, at the White House alongside President Joe Biden, Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke about India joining a space pact called the Artemis Accords during his visit to the US. "By deciding to join the Artemis Accords, we have taken a significant leap forward in our space cooperation. In fact, when it comes to the partnership between India and America, even the sky is not the limit," he said.

To understand the leap Modi was talking about, it's important to figure out why the Artemis Accords are such a big deal. For starters, they are a series of agreements aimed at establishing guidelines for the exploration and utilisation of celestial bodies such as the Moon, Mars, other planets and asteroids. One of their primary objectives is to put humans on the Moon by 2025. India is the 27th country to sign the nonbinding accords.

What are the Artemis Accords?

Artemis, named after the Greek Moon goddess, represents a comprehensive agreement drawn up by the US to bring together nations that share a common vision for civil space exploration. It serves as a framework for cooperation and collaboration in space exploration, building upon the foundation of the Outer Space Treaty of 1967. The Artemis Accords were jointly launched by the United States Department of State and NASA on October 13, 2020. Signatories to the agreement include Australia, Canada, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

The principles of the Artemis Accords include peaceful exploration, full transparency in space activity, including public release of scientific data, interoperability of systems to enhance safety and sustainability, emergency assistance to personnel in distress, preserving outer space heritage, extracting and utilising space resources in compliance with the Outer Space Treaty, and the safe disposal of orbital debris.

Think of them as the space variant of the UN-led Conference of the Parties (COP) framework to save Earth from destruction due to human greed. Artemis is an attempt to avert that dire situation in outer space and all celestial bodies.

Origins of the Accords

The inception of the Artemis programme can be traced back to the discontinuation of the Constellation programme, which aimed to transport astronauts to the International Space Station (ISS) after the space shuttles were retired. When Constellation came to an end, Artemis emerged as its successor. Artemis represents the most ambitious space exploration endeavour undertaken by the US since the final manned spaceflight of NASA's space shuttle in 2011. In the interim, NASA astronauts relied on the Russian Soyuz spacecraft and the privately-developed SpaceX Dragon spacecraft for space access.

The Outer Space Treaty

The Outer Space Treaty, based on which the Artemis Accords are built, is a multilateral pact under the United Nations. It serves as the foundation for the international space law and became effective on October 10, 1967. Currently, 113 countries are parties to the treaty, including all major space-faring nations.

Outer space, the treaty underlined, is meant for all of mankind and cannot be subject to any national appropriation. It barred countries from not only placing nuclear warheads or other weapons of mass destruction in orbit or on celestial bodies, it asked them to avoid contaminating space in any way. The treaty also said it would hold space-faring nations liable for any damage caused by their space objects. Astronauts, it went on to say, shall be regarded as the envoys of mankind.

Difference between OST & Artemis

The differences between Artemis and the Outer Space Treaty lie in their nature and governing bodies. The Outer Space Treaty is a multilateral agreement overseen by the United Nations, while the Artemis is a US initiative. Artemis has a specific objective of reintroducing humans to the Moon and establishing a long-term sustainable presence. It intends to achieve this goal through a strategic combination of crewed missions, robotic systems, and collaborations with international partners. "Artemis will be the broadest and most diverse international human space exploration program in history, and the Artemis Accords are the vehicle that will establish this singular global coalition," said NASA when the accords were launched in 2020.

Camping on the Moon

One of the primary goals of the Artemis Accords is to resume human missions to the Moon and establish a regular sequence of crewed missions to it - about once a year. NASA plans to set up an Artemis Base Camp on the Moon—a habitat designed to support astronauts in their lunar activities. The Artemis Base Camp would have various components, including a modern lunar cabin, a versatile rover, and a mobile home tailored to meet the astronauts' requirements. Initially, the missions will involve shorter stays on the lunar surface. However, as the base camp evolves, the ultimate objective is to enable crew members to reside on the Moon for extended durations of up to two months at a time.

ARTEMIS MISSIONS TO LOOK FORWARD TO

1 Intuitive Machines

Under the Commercial Lunar Payload Services (CLPS) initiative, NASA will send 6 robotic payloads to the moon in order to understand its properties

Commencing sometime in 2023, the first Intuitive Machine flight or IM-1 will land at the Moon's South Pole region and will focus on plume-surface interactions, space weather/lunar surface interactions among other things. This mission will be followed by two more flights called IM-2 and IM-3

IM-2

The second flight is scheduled to land on the moon as early as November 2023. In this mission they intend to drill up to three feet deep to extract lunar soil—called regolith—and deposit it on the surface for water analysis

IM-3

In the third flight, scheduled for 2024, IM-3 will land at Moon's Reiner Gamma swirl or lunar swirl. The payload deployed at the surface will study the swirl

2 Lunar Trailblazer

In a bid to understand lunar water cycle, NASA's Lunar Trailblazer mission will map the distribution of different forms of water that exist on the surface.

Two hi-tech instruments will aid researchers in their quest to understand properties of water: the High-resolution Volatiles and Minerals Moon Mapper will be anaylse faint forms of water and Lunar Thermal Mapper will show temperature details of Moon's surface

3 NISAR

NISAR is a collaboration between NASA and ISRO. In order to understand the land surface changes and its consequences, scientists will make global measurements using advanced radar imaging

VIPER

Volatiles Investigating Polar Exploration Rover will explore the extreme environment of the Moon and hunt for water ice on the Moon's South Pole

ROLSES

Radio-wave Observations at the Lunar Surface of the photo Electron Sheath is a radio receiver system that will test antenna response on the moon

Source: NASA

What's in it for the country?

NASA and the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) have committed to developing a strategic framework for human spaceflight cooperation by the end of this year. It will facilitate access of Indian astronauts to the International Space Station (ISS). NASA has already announced it will provide advanced training to Indian astronauts at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas, to prepare them for the ISS in 2024. A set of Indian astronauts shortlisted for the country's first space mission, Gaganyaan, have already had a training stint in Russia.

The collaboration between ISRO and NASA holds immense potential for technological advancements in manned missions. By joining the Artemis Accords, ISRO gains access to valuable technologies and opportunities for scientific and technological advancements. Collaboration with NASA would enable knowledge-sharing, technology transfer and enhance India's space exploration efforts. The joint mission to the ISS in 2024 coupled with the Gaganyaan human module flights would set the stage for India to raise its space aspirations. ISRO's preparations for the Gaganyaan mission would benefit from NASA's involvement, allowing for more ambitious missions and expanded capabilities. This partnership fosters collaboration, knowledge-sharing, and technology transfer, propelling both agencies towards new frontiers in space exploration.

Mike Gold, Chief Growth Officer at Redwire Space and a former NASA official who played a key role in developing the Accords in 2020, sees India becoming its signatory as a transformative moment. In an interview with *Spacenews.com*, he expressed confidence in India's ongoing lunar and Martian exploration initiatives, highlighting the forthcoming launch of Chandrayaan-3 on July 13, 2023. Chandrayaan-3 will have a lander on the Moon and a rover but no orbiter.

India's inclusion in the Artemis Accords would propel it to the forefront of human space exploration, allowing it to benefit from technological advancements and capabilities that emerge during this extraordinary voyage of exploration, Gold said. He also emphasised the reciprocal advantage, stating Artemis would significantly benefit from India's capacity for innovation and its ability to execute missions in a cost-effective manner. Remember, the total cost of India's successful Mars mission—in its very first attempt—was just ₹450 crore ($73 million), as compared to the $100 million spent to make the Hollywood movie *'Gravity'*. It gave the country bragging rights for making its mission the most cost-effective in the world.

MQ-9B DRONE ACQUISITION AND BEYOND

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

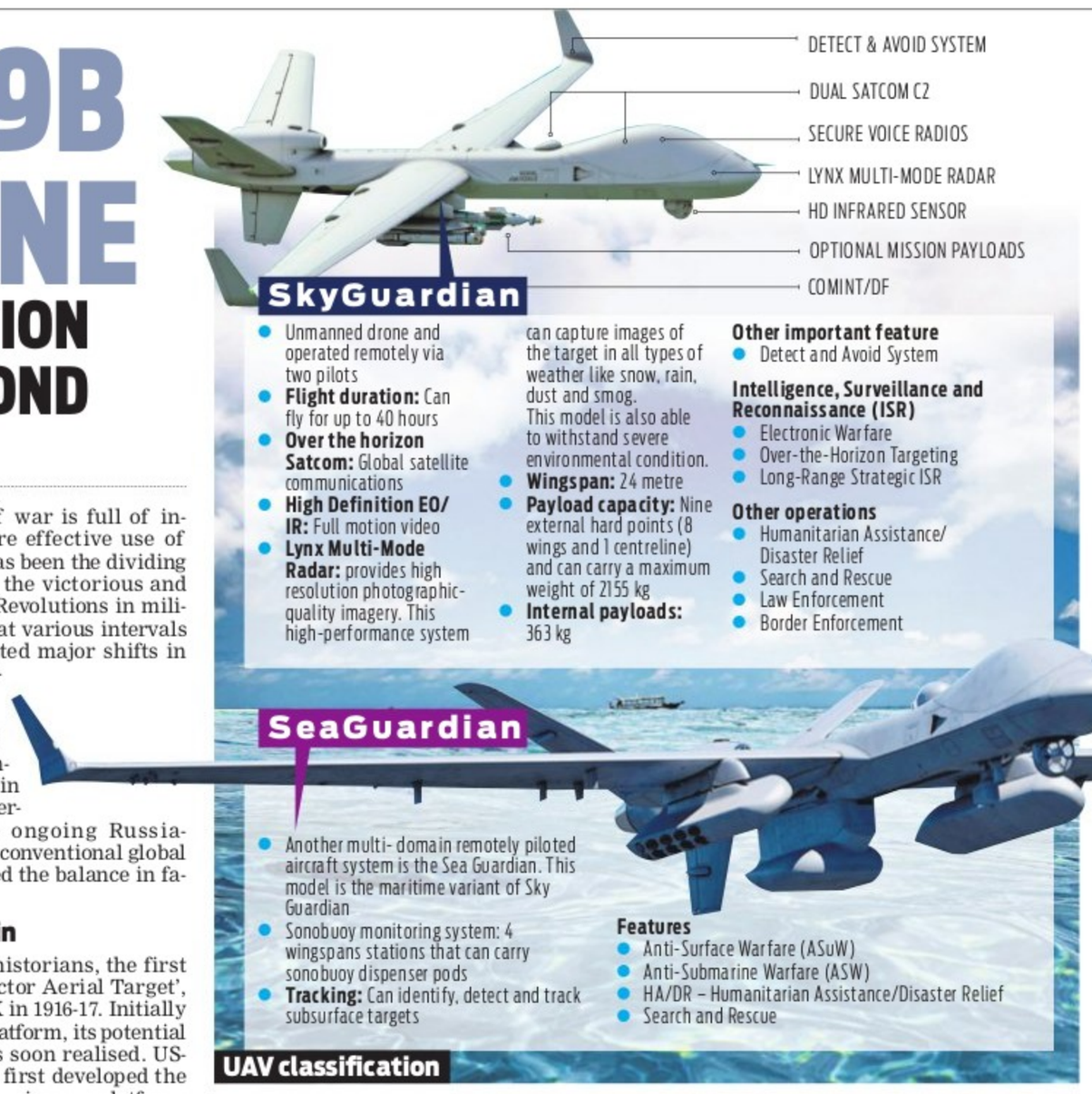
The history of war is full of instances where effective use of technology has been the dividing line between the victorious and vanquished. Revolutions in military warfare at various intervals have stimulated major shifts in tactics, strategy and employment of arms and equipment. The employment of Unmanned Aircraft Systems in conventional conflicts like in Nagorno-Karabakh (Azerbaijan-Armenia), the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war and the unconventional global war on terror, have tilted the balance in favour of drones.

Where did it all begin

According to military historians, the first UAV called 'Ruston Proctor Aerial Target', was developed by the UK in 1916-17. Initially used as a surveillance platform, its potential for precision strike was soon realised. US-based General Atomics first developed the MQ-1 Predator as a reconnaissance platform. By and by, it was modified into a strike drone by attaching a Hellfire missile payload. Ever since, the expansion in drone technology has been mind boggling.

The Predator

India initiated the process to buy 31 armed MQ-9B High Altitude Long Endurance (HALE) UAVs from General Atomics during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent visit to the US. General Atomics will also establish a Comprehensive Global MRO (maintenance, repair and operations) facility in India to support the country's long-term goals of indigenous production. The MQ-9Bs can loiter up to 50,000 ft, remain airborne for over 35 hours and carry four Hellfire missiles besides around 450 kg of other bombs.


DETECT & AVOID SYSTEM
DUAL SATCOM C2
SECURE VOICE RADIOS
LYNX MULTI-MODE RADAR
HD INFRARED SENSOR
OPTIONAL MISSION PAYLOADS
COMINT/DF
SkyGuardian
Unmanned drone and operated remotely via two pilots
Flight duration: Can fly for up to 40 hours
Over the horizon Satcom: Global satellite communications
High Definition EO/IR: Full motion video
Lynx Multi-Mode Radar: provides high resolution photographic-quality imagery. This high-performance system can capture images of the target in all types of weather like snow, rain, dust and smog. This model is also able to withstand severe environmental condition.
Wingspan: 24 metre
Payload capacity: Nine external hard points (8 wings and 1 centreline) and can carry a maximum weight of 2155 kg
Internal payloads: 363 kg
Other important feature
Detect and Avoid System
Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR)
Electronic Warfare
Over-the-Horizon Targeting
Long-Range Strategic ISR
Other operations
Humanitarian Assistance/Disaster Relief
Search and Rescue
Law Enforcement
Border Enforcement
SeaGuardian
Another multi- domain remotely piloted aircraft system is the Sea Guardian. This model is the maritime variant of Sky Guardian
Sonobuoy monitoring system: 4 wingspans stations that can carry sonobuoy dispenser pods
Tracking: Can identify, detect and track subsurface targets
Features
Anti-Surface Warfare (ASuW)
Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW)
HA/DR – Humanitarian Assistance/Disaster Relief
Search and Rescue
UAV classification
Class I: Under 150 kg for surveillance
Class II: 150-600 kg. Are tactical, can carry multiple payloads. Largely unarmed but can be loaded with lightweight ordinance
Class III: Over 600 kg. Have better endurance, can carry multiple weapons
Another way to classify drones
Target drones, reconnaissance drones, surveillance drones, cargo drones, bombers, offensive drones, transport drones, multi-role drones etc.

The formal process to purchase it began with the Defence Acquisition Council on June 15, clearing the Acceptance of Necessity of 31 MQ-9Bs (16 Sky Guardian and 15 Sea Guardian) for the tri-services through the Foreign Military Sale route. The US government has suggested a total estimated ticket price of $3,072 million. Though there has been some political noise over its cost to the exchequer, the final price will be negotiated after regulatory clearance from the US government.

Why India needs MQ-9Bs

Given India's geopolitical position, active borders with Pakistan, the prevalence of terrorism, and the ongoing stand-offs with China, the country needs a suitable policy framework that includes a robust counter-drone component considering the increasing number of incidents along the international border. The affordability and utility of drones has made it a platform of choice even for non-state actors.

India's UAV requirements at present are mostly met from imports of the Heron I, the Searcher Mk II and the Harop loitering munition from Israel. They have been deployed to monitor activities along the volatile borders with China and Pakistan.

Indigenisation so far

India has a fairly wide basket of prototypes to indigenise production of UAVs but none has been integrated into the service so far. The prototypes include Defence Research and Development Organisation's (DRDO) Imperial Eagle, Aeronautical Development Establishment Laboratory and CSIR's National Aerospace Laboratories' Golden Hawk, National Aerospace Laboratory's Slybird and NAL/ADE's Pushpak. HAL's Combat Air Teaming System, too, is in the development phase. The DRDO is also working on the Abhyas and Lakshya target drones.

Autonomous underwater vehicles for anti-submarine warfare are another category of drones, for which the process of Indian acquisition began in March this year. Besides, the DRDO is working on developing Submarine Launched Unmanned Aerial Systems.

India's quest for drones started in 1990 with a DRDO project to build the Nishant UAV. Four of them were built but the Indian Army was not satisfied with its performance. Later, a wheeled version of Nishant, called 'Panchi', was developed but not inducted.

The Indian army is in collaboration with the Drone Federation of India to develop a 'Him Drone-a-thon', which is a pan-India connect with all stakeholders, including the industry, academia, software developers and drone product manufacturers. It will be conducted in stages with quantifiable parameters (like altitude, weight, range, endurance etc) being progressively enhanced based on demonstrated capabilities.

The way ahead

Drones introduced a dramatic transformation in warfare in the last decade of the 21st century. The threat of drones, in conventional as well as non-conventional domains, has compelled nations to reconfigure their offensive and defensive plans. Drones eliminate the need for pilots in the air or to put ground troops in danger of being killed or kidnapped.

A tactical element to the technology was announced by Russia on March 1, 2018. It said it was developing a nuclear-armed underwater drone. Ever since, there have been reports of the US and China joining the race in this sphere.

INTERVIEW

MAJ GEN SB ASTHANA (RETD)

Maj Gen SB Asthana (Retd), a strategic and security analyst with 45 years of experience in national and varied international fields, explains to **Mayank Singh** why India needs to catch up with our adversaries in drone tech. Excerpts:

INDIA A LATE ENTRANT

How have drones changed warfare?
Drones have brought a new dimension to warfare since they do not have the soldiers onboard, so there is no danger of casualties. They also carry some element of deniability.

What could be the effects of drone proliferation in India?
India will require drones in very high numbers. Since the public sector cannot meet the demands, private players will have to come in. As drones are a proven dual use technology, private players could find it beneficial.

How significant is the deployment of drones in the Ukraine-Russia war?
They changing the balance with impact in the Armenia-Azerbaijan war as drones from Turkey gave Azerbaijan an upper hand. Something similar happened in the Ukraine-Russia conflict. The West had supplied a fair amount of drones to Ukraine, which aided in surveillance and attack on Russian armoured vehicles, with real time information. They were also deployed in intelligence gathering.

What is your take on India's dependence on foreign countries for drone technology?
India has been a late starter. We have been flying Heron from Israel and two MQ-9As from the US on lease for surveillance which proved useful in the stand-off with China. India needs HALE (high altitude long endurance) drones and we are in the process of getting the MQ-9B from the US. Indigenous Rustam-2 is by far the best we are working on (It's in the testing stage). It's a MALE (medium altitude long endurance) drone. In drone warfare we are lagging behind even Pakistan, which has been aided by China and Turkey with some high-end drones. There is a need to get into this tech fast and develop, to catch up with our adversaries.